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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



This letter and the Cleveland Convention will mark the end of my two-year term as your President. I feel honored to have been afforded the opportunity to serve. I have been fortunate to have a great group of Officers and Directors to work with. Being surrounded with good people always makes difficult tasks easier to handle. I also want to thank the membership for all the kind words and encouragement; which are gratefully received and always appreciated.

Our incoming President will be **Don Burbank**. He retired in 2012 and at the time of his retirement, he was the Managing Director of Aircraft Maintenance for the Eastern Division. He stayed on with United for a short term to make sure the projects that were in the works were completed and the influx of new people due to the merger went smoothly. As soon as he was released from United, he joined

RUAEA and has been a real asset.

In the last two years the retiree/company relationship has warmed. Our first meeting with Oscar Munoz was well received and it opened the door to further dialog. We now have an avenue to bring problems to United's attention with the expectation of a timely resolution. Of the individual cases brought forth, I believe all have been fairly settled or reasonable answers given.

We have made some progress regarding flight benefits. The change to enrolled friends has been well received. I have used the system and it has worked for my family. Hopefully additional improvements in pass travel and other Retiree issues will be forth coming.

RUAEA is still in need of volunteers. The association needs to have some of the members that are able, to step up and participate in the functioning of the organization. Most of the work that needs to be done is not excessively time consuming. For the next two years, I will be the Past President and be responsible for getting volunteers to pitch in and work within the organization. If you feel like you can help out give me a call or an email and let's talk. My contact information is in the Newsletter.

With warmest regards,

**Virgil Gooselaw**  
**RUAEA President**

## RUAEA Board of Directors - Thank You To All Who Serve

On September 22, 2018, **Virgil Gooselaw** will hand over the presidency to **Don Burbank**. We thank Virgil for his excellent service as President. He has given many years of service in various capacities and we thank him for continuing to support all RUAEA members with his work in the Denver office. He is truly the backbone of this organization.

Thank you Don, for accepting the position of President and continuing as the airline liaison.

**Tom Cunningham** will take over the Executive Vice President position from **Jim Simon**. Thank you, Jim for your excellent service. You have always been there to answer questions and take care of issues.

**Chuck Cole** has moved to Washington and is now Director Northwest Region. This position was previously filled by **Tom Cunningham** who is now stepping up to be Executive Vice President. Thank you, Chuck and Tom for continuing to serve us.

This leaves the Arizona Region available. Would you like to be Arizona Region Director?

Does the rest of the Board look familiar? They should because they have volunteered to continue in their positions. Thank you to all who continue to serve us, namely, in no particular order, **Cas Spokas, Martha Gooselaw, Marilyn Hansen, Juliana Alfonso, Carol Bare, Sharon Burbank, Toni VanKampen, Jim Sommerfield, Francis Domaratius, Veronica Domaratius, John Chu, Mary Jane Stewart, Bill Corbett,**



**Pam Ziebarth, Rosalie Tripicchio, Sonda Sandstedt, Norma Betters, Linda Scriven, Ray Jensen, Roger Casterline, Chuck Cole, Jackie Monilaw.**

Not pictured in this newsletter issue but continuing to serve us are **Ron Bertacini, John Koehl, Claudia Blancett and Ed Tolle.**

### **30,000 employee discounts**



United offers a lot of different reward programs, some of which you're probably very familiar with – travel privileges, for example.

United is announcing its brand new and enhanced employee discounts program, which is powered by PerkSpot. United has kept all the great discounts you're currently familiar with and added many more. The new program will include over 30,000 discounts from 550 brands, including companies like Target, Macy's, Costco, Sam's Club, Walt Disney World, Samsung, AT&T, DIRECTV, XFINITY, DISH, T-Mobile and Sprint. And in early 2019, United will start to offer local discounts for its international team members.

With the new program, you'll also be able to customize your discount experience to fit your needs and interests. Here are a few of the new features:

- ❖ Design your home page to feature the categories that interest you
- ❖ Access local discounts via an interactive map based on Zip Code
- ❖ Receive optional weekly emails with the latest discounts
- ❖ Recommend companies that you'd like to see added to the site
- ❖ View offers in more than 100 different languages

Contact customer service for assistance locating discounts, maneuvering the site, checking the status of orders or following up on any issues/concerns.

You can add the new discounts site as a favorite on Flying Together. The path is Employee Services > My Rewards > Employee Discounts.

Once you register, you'll start receiving weekly emails, which you can opt out of at any time. If you don't interact with the employee discounts site, the emails will switch to monthly for six months and quarterly after that.

### **Know before you go: HNL-GUM weight restrictions**



Pass travel, while still fun, can be a little tricky. That's especially true in certain markets where aircraft weight restrictions further limit available space for standby passengers.

One route in particular on which this poses a challenge is HNL (Honolulu)-GUM, where often the planes may already be at or near maximum weight once revenue customers, luggage, food and beverages, fuel and cargo are on board, even with empty seats remaining on the aircraft. Since United doesn't bump cargo for non-rev passengers, you may see open seats on a flight that is in fact loaded to capacity due to the high demand for cargo on this route. Because of this, United may not know how many space available travelers it can accommodate until close to departure.

Through June, United has had the highest load factors in the past five years on the HNL-GUM route, and more than 44 percent of those flights have been weight restricted. United's Load Planning and Employee Travel teams are currently looking at ways to minimize the impact to non-rev passengers and better inform employees when restrictions are in effect. For now, you'll see a notice appear before you complete a HNL-GUM booking in employeeRES, warning travelers to the possibility of limited seats.

### **Retirees, employees celebrate 50 years at SJC**



On Aug. 20, 2018, 50 years to the day after United opened its SJC (San Jose, California) station, dozens of United employees, retirees and elected officials gathered at Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport to celebrate the milestone.

Norman Y. Mineta, a former San Jose mayor, U.S. congressman and secretary of the Departments of Transportation and Commerce, joked that he asked his parents why they named him "after an airport." Mineta referenced



his family's long history with United—his wife, Deni, was a United flight attendant for more than 30 years—and said he had watched United grow at SJC over the decades and was proud to see it develop into an important station for the airline.

SFO VP Bryan Quigley noted that he first flew into the area 35 years ago, when he was a U.S. Navy pilot, and later as a United captain. *“San Jose is an important part of our network, connecting Silicon Valley to our midcontinent hubs and to the world,”* Bryan said, *“I want to thank all of our SJC employees for all that you do here.”*

Several retirees who worked at the station in the 1960s and 1970s were at the event. Mary Rawson, who retired in 2017 after almost 34 years at SJC, noted that her father, Fred Sladek, who was also present at the event, was among the crew who reported for duty on Aug. 20, 1968. *“I worked here with many of the same people my father worked with,”* Rawson said. *“I love United and wanted to make sure our long history here was celebrated.”*

*“It's a huge honor to be celebrating 50 years with United at SJC,”* said SJC General Manager Rachael Braggs. *“SJC has a great team, and I am looking forward to our next 50 years.”*

### **Cashless Stations in Central and South America**



Effective August 13, the following stations will no longer accept cash as a form of payment. Only credit and debit cards will be accepted as forms of payment for departure taxes and other applicable fees.

- BZE (Belize City)
- BOG (Bogota)
- EZE (Buenos Aires)
- GUA (Guatemala City)
- LIM (Lima)
- MGA (Managua)
- UIO (Quito)
- SJO (San Jose)
- SAP (San Pedro Sula)
- SAL (San Salvador)
- SCL (Santiago)
- TGU (Tegucigalpa)

LIR (Liberia), PTY (Panama City) and RTB (Roatan) transitioned to cashless stations earlier this year. Due to local government regulations we are still required to accept cash in GIG (Rio de Janeiro) and GRU (Sao Paulo).

### **So Simple From Sheryl**



Football season is once again upon us. Time to enjoy good food, good friends and good sports. This is a great recipe as you can bake it for 3 hours before leaving home and off you go. To take to a party I leave in foil and then wrap in several layers of newspaper, and tape shut to keep it hot in transit. As always, Enjoy!

#### **Clam Dip in Hot Bread**

Cut off top of round loaf of either sour dough or sheep herder's bread. Save lid. Tear out inside of loaf of bread, but do leave a little bread on inside wall of the bowl. Tear into bite size pieces. Wrap in foil and set aside.

Mix:

3-7 oz. cans of minced clams

2-8 oz. packages of cream cheese, room temperature

2 teaspoon lemon juice

2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

2 teaspoon Salt

6-8 drops tabasco

Pour into empty loaf. Replace lid and wrap tightly in foil. Bake at 250 degrees on baking sheet for 2½ to 3 hours. Serve hot. Put bread pieces that you wrapped in the foil into oven last hour.

## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

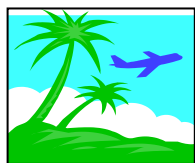
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*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager.* Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel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

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



#### GULF COAST

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While summer vacations have held us in a flight holding pattern, we still managed to get in a good meal. We met for our meeting at Pensacola NAS Cubi Bar Café at 11:30 and wound it up around 1:30. The luncheon attendees were **Barbara Serra, Chuck & Georgene Krewer, Mai & Ray Owens, Bill Hayden, Kim Ray, Jessie Arnold**, and Yours Truly.

We had a very convivial Meeting/Luncheon. We held the election and yours truly was once again voted “Secretary for Life”. Ray suggested to those present we only change Officers when someone either resigns or dies. Unanimously approved.

We discussed reinstituting a practice we observed a few years ago and that is for a few Members as time permits give a thumbnail sketch of their time with United and other details of their lives they wish to share including how they came to work for United and/or otherwise be associated with United. And our lives following retirement. Kind of dealer’s choice what someone wants to share. We all agreed this would be a fun thing to do.

Ray and Mai shared their story from when they first met in Viet Nam to their time in Iran and other places including Texas. Ray is a good story teller as well as is his lovely wife Mai. Very intriguing and entertaining. As Ray is our Historian and Reporter, maybe he can share that story in our Newsletter. One thing to shine through it all is that Ray and Mai are a great team! (Mai knows how to cook homemade donuts too). For those of you who have seen the Movie “Argo”, you will especially appreciate and enjoy the narrative of their time in Iran and their hair raising escape only a few days before the Embassy fell in 1979. Incredible story and incredibly told by Ray and Mai.

Jessie shared the story of her life and times and tribulations with United. Her story was also filled with “Drama” but of a different kind. Her career had many twists and turns at United and very well told by Jessie. About the only thing missing in her story was an escape from a Country where death lurked around every corner.

All in all a great meeting! Oh Yes! I did not win the 50/50. Ray drew the ticket and I think he and the Krewers had worked out a deal of some kind. Something to do with a pin in the winning ticket and a magnet . You will have to ask Ray about that. The winnings were \$13.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next month. Second Monday of each month. Yes, at this wonderful place, Pensacola NAS, Cubi Bar Café at 1130. Please join us if you are down here on the white beaches of the Gulf Of Mexico.

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Our Birmingham group met on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Bright Star in Bessemer for a lunch and fellowship with the following members in attendance: **Travis & Zoe Glass, Bobby & Jean Cox, Jim & Donna Gooch, Ken & Beverly Yeager, Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, guest **Anita Brasher**, and **Joe Jones**.

Birthday wishes to **Jean Cox** on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The 50/50 drawing was won by **Zoe Glass**.

We continue to remember **Joe Duncan** who is at home under hospice care and wish better days for Joe and Marie.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at a Birmingham area restaurant. For location, please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711. We invite all retired United friends and families to join us. Also our Christmas party will be at The Club on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendar as this is always a special event.

### **ARIZONA**

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By the time most of you receive this newsletter, we'll be at the RUAEA Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, or we'll be back home again. We always enjoy going to the Conventions in different cities each year and meeting new and familiar faces. The meetings are very informative about keeping the retirees current as to insurance, medical and flying information, and getting answers to many questions we may have. There are always interesting tours available around the city, and the highlight is the banquet on Saturday evening. The food and the entertainment is wonderful. Everyone always has a great time. If you haven't gone to a RUAEA Convention, you're really missing a good time. Hope you can go next year! Thanks go out to all the committee members and officers involved in this year's convention for all their hard work. It takes a lot of people behind the scene to make it a success.

Our Re-United Chapter continues to meet once a month for Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner at 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Our October Breakfast will be Friday, October 26. An October Luncheon is also being planned by **Dakota Morris-Terry**. We don't have any information on it as to when or where, but Dakota will be sending you information via e-mail or phone. She always does a great job of arranging for a luncheon; so you know you have to attend! If you haven't heard from her, give her a call at (602) 920-7785, or send her an e-mail at [dctdmt03@cox.net](mailto:dctdmt03@cox.net). Any new people in the area who have retired or worked at all for United Airlines, and are 55 years old or more, are especially welcomed to join us at any of our luncheons or breakfasts. If you have any questions, please call our Vice President, **Peggy Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). She will be glad to assist you in any way she can.

Our August Breakfast had 18 members present. As more members return to Arizona from their summer homes, we have a much larger group attend. We all like getting together for food and having a good time visiting with one another. The upcoming yearly Fantasy Flight committee is gearing up towards another

successful Fantasy Flight to benefit under privileged kindergarten and first grade children. The Fantasy Flight will take place on Friday, December 7. As to where it will be, it has not been determined yet. The first planning meeting will be October 15<sup>th</sup> behind the United ticket counter at the Phoenix Airport. A golf tournament fundraiser has been set for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are looking for 144 golfers to participate. If you golf, or know someone who does, they can register at [unitedfantasyflight.com](http://unitedfantasyflight.com). They are looking for a lot of golfers, so please consider going. More information will be forthcoming.

We are looking for more members to host one of our winter luncheons. The November 8th luncheon will be held at Zar Kat Restaurant, where we met last year, at 4815 E. Main Street in Mesa. **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck**, are hosting this luncheon. We need to have 25 people attend because the restaurant is going to open early to accommodate our group. They will give us separate checks. We need to RSVP to Cindy no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>, no exceptions. Their phone number is (480) 924-8118, if you have any questions, or contact Cindy at [cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com](mailto:cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com).

Our Christmas Luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Our hosts will be **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak**. More information will be forthcoming from them. Be sure and mark your calendars now, as you definitely want to attend this special Holiday luncheon.

One of our members, **Bill Eaton**, is scheduled to have back surgery on October 1. We sure hope this helps relieve the pain he has been having. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you, Bill and Shirley.

The following members will be having birthdays in October: **Judy Burtner** (10/1), **Carol Ward** (10/6), **Jennifer Strohmaier** (10/8), **Bob Forsberg** (10/10), **Donna Pedone** (10/10), and **Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/12). The following couples will be celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: **Bill & Pam Betz** (10/19/85), **Jim & Kathy Brigante** (10/24/64), and **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck** (10/25/58), 60 years for them! Congratulations to all the couples!

#### Calendar:

**October** - Luncheon hosted by **Dakota Morris-Terry**, TBD. Please contact her at (602) 920-7785, or (480) 854-7220 for further information.

**October 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. If you plan on attending, please let our Vice President **Peggy Snowdall** know by phone at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), by October 24.

**November 3** – Golf Tournament benefiting the Fantasy Flight. Register at [unitedfantasyflight.com](http://unitedfantasyflight.com).

**November 8** – Luncheon at Zar Kat Restaurant, 4815 E. Main St., Mesa. Hosts are **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck**, phone (480) 924-8118, or e-mail Cindy at [cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com](mailto:cahilsabeck1@hotmail.com). RSVP by 11/1.



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

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

We look forward to seeing you

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

#### Calendar:

**September 26** - 11:30 AM meeting/luncheon at Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos.  
Hope to see you at either of our planned event!

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Our chapter met at the Spirit of San Luis restaurant at the San Luis Obispo airport on August 15<sup>th</sup>. The seven of us included **Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Bob & Marcia Stanger, Joan Schaefer, and Al & Marilyn Rybar**. We missed **Bob & Esther Bartlett, Barbara Stilwell, Ken & Stella Bake, Nina Powers, and Jack Cunningham** who were unable to come due to various reasons.

During our conversations I mentioned that I first attended the Central Coaster's at 2000 in the same restaurant that we are at now. I met **Bob & Marcia Stanger** here also. They were the only ones I knew and we have been members ever since.

Our next meeting will be on October 7<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**.

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**Carole Paquin** hosted the Desert Sunbirds' August Luncheon at Las Casuelas Nuevas in Rancho Mirage. Twenty five members and one guest - **Jean Jones**, guest of **Sandy Sereno**, were present, despite the terrific heat. Well, hopefully, just one more month!

Sorry to report that I was unable to get a volunteer for our "Featured Sunbird" this month. We'll keep trying, and hopefully, will get a volunteer for next month.

Our 2018 Rosters were passed out, and our members total 70. Keeping that in mind, I was sorry to hear that the Re-LAX-ers chapter is now inactive. Here's an invite to any and all of their members to join our group, or come to our luncheons as a visitor or guest anytime you have the opportunity. We meet for lunch the second Wednesday every month, hosted by a different Sunbird (and a different Restaurant) each month. Call or email me for any details.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Ken Hawley**. **Judy Burnett** won \$35.00 in the 50/50 drawing. **Scoobie Wolfe** and **Al Beuchel** each won a bottle of wine. That's it for this month!





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Our September meeting was held on Monday, September 3 at Fuddrucker's restaurant in Concord. We had 18 members and several guests in attendance. It was nice to see our Western Region Director **Roger Casterline**. Our other guests were **Jess Rocha** and his daughter Veronica. Jess attends RUAEA meetings in San Jose. He was visiting Veronica who lives in Concord, and they decided to join us. We are so glad they did! Jess and Veronica said they had a great time, and we hope they come again!

Which brings me to a plug for RUAEA and the all the local chapters and their meetings. We all know the importance of staying active and engaged with friends as we get older. RUAEA meetings are a wonderful way to make new friends and share the camaraderie of the United Family. The Diablos chapter made me feel welcome the minute I walked into my first meeting, and I'm sure the other chapters are all just as friendly and welcoming. If you live near a RUAEA chapter, please consider going to their meetings. If you are visiting an area, and have the time, join the meeting there. It will make your vacation all the more memorable.

Social hour started at 11:00 and we had lunch at noon. At every meeting, **Carol Parks** puts a piece of candy at everyone's place, one of those nice gestures that makes this group special. This month we got Kit Kats. **Barbara Underhill** conducted the raffle and **Roger Casterline** won the 50/50 prize. As usual we had an eclectic assortment of additional raffle items — the ever present wine, cookies, handmade soap and travel accessories. After lunch, Northwest Region Director **Tom Cunningham** discussed changes in travel benefits for retirees and the upcoming RUAEA Convention, September 18-22 in Cleveland. We have six members attending Convention this year: **Tom & Barbara Cunningham, Diane Griego, Arnold Hansen, Jr., and Jack & Judy Smith**. Be sure to look for them and say hello! He also talked about the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual United Airlines Family Day at the San Francisco Maintenance Base on Sunday, October 7. Yours truly is going for the first time this year and I am really looking forward to it!

We received an email from **Gail Sexton** saying that she has been diagnosed with ALS and will most likely not be able to attend our meetings any more. Gail attended meetings regularly for many years. We were saddened to hear this and will miss seeing her very much. If you would like to send a cheery note or card to Gail, her address is 3838 Terra Granada #2B, Walnut Creek, CA 94595-3544. Her email is [gailsexton@comcast.net](mailto:gailsexton@comcast.net).

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. RUPA's next cruise is July 2019. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says "the more the merrier" (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). (I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful time. A very welcoming and personable group I'd love to travel with again). The 2018 cruise was on a riverboat, so spaces were limited, but the 2019 cruise is on a big boat so space should not be a problem. There are three options for this cruise:

- Option One is a 12-day cruise departing July 7 from Rome eastbound to Sarande Albania, Olympia, Athens, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Crete, with a stop in Pompei on the way back to Rome.
- Option Two is a 10-day cruise departing July 19 from Rome westward to Cartagena, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Livorno and Monte Carlo.
- Option Three is a 22-day cruise combining options one and two departing Rome on July 7.

For more information, please contact **Rich Bouska** directly at [rbouska1@comcast.net](mailto:rbouska1@comcast.net) or (925) 443-4339.

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

- ❖ Monday, October 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, November 5 at 11:00 — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- ❖ Monday, December 3 at 11:00 —Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party is not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrees.

We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com). RSVP deadline will be provided later.

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. If the first Monday in January is New Year's Day, as it was this year, we meet on Tuesday because most restaurants are closed that day. 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 teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) 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.

## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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President **Vera Kina** opened our monthly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a few moments of silence for our Military and Armed Forces. Our meeting will start early today as we have a guest speaker – but first ... Vera had two vignettes from our "Uniteds' Greatest Generation" ... **Don Hughes** went into the Army at the tender age of 17 and was immediately sent to Shanghai. He quickly learned that chop sticks pertained to food and not to a tune on the piano (obviously a quick learner!) Don was on the first team of UAL mechanics assigned to the DC3. Which begs the question – was there a DC2? Then we have **John Bogdanoff**. He was born in Iran of parents fleeing Communist Russia. He later was in the service in the presence of the Berlin Wall, facing afore-mentioned Communist forces at the Brandenburg Gate. When in the process of being discharged, he faced being held back during the Cuban missile crisis. His biggest challenge now is being on our auditors committee – we are sure he can handle this job! Let Vera know if you have "senior moment" and can tell "your" United story.

The next 3 monthly menus: (Call Auditor **Gene Walter** if you are coming to the September meeting so we have a count for our BBQ. His phone: (650) 856-9738.

- September 24 – Annual BBQ Picnic catered by Armadillo Willys' – Yummy Texas BBQ Ribs, Certified Angus Beef USDA Prime Brisket, Beans, Potato Salad, and the works! Coming? Let us know so that we have plenty of food. \$25 member/\$30 guests. (**Gene Walters'** phone above.)
- October 22 – BYOBL – Bring your own bag lunch - we'll do Bingo too.
- November 26 – Pot Luck –always a favorite - bring your special goodies.

We were pleased to have a guest speaker, **Janet Meinheit** (Key Sponsor National Account Executive) of the Alliant Credit Union. She discussed the closure of the local Credit Union offices and how to manage your accounts – our local office will be closing September 12, 2018 – farewell to those friendly employees who manned the San Mateo office, they will be missed! Janet mentioned that there are many local ATMs' available as well as the 1-800-328-1935 number to call for help and information. She answered many questions and shared with us that she is located in Chicago and is a United family member. Great products (Saving/Checking/IRAs/Credit Cards/Various Loans/ATMs/Online and Mobile Banking/etc.) are still available and easily accessible. Concern was expressed for those who do not have computers and are not computer savvy. (Where are our grandchildren when we need them the most?)

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** – minutes for last month were read and approved.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** has balanced the check book.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** announced 1 birthday: **Ginger Dahlberg**. No one got married and everyone is staying well. **Ben Vietz** is having surgery this month, keep him in your thoughts.

The Auditors, **John Bogdanoff**, **Gene Walter**, and interim **Helen Goodwine** are taking names for our annual BBQ next month – don't forget to call Gene (number above.)

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has flyers for the 2018 trips. 2019 trips are being set up.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** was speechless.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** had lucky Bingo winners: **Ella Mae Donovan, Art Barrett, Rex Reelfs, Jerry Underhill, Barbara Underhill** and **Linda Barret** both won twice! **Bob Donovan** won the big cover-up. Bring canned food / toys for up-and-coming holidays to help make those in need happy.

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees are welcome. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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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Greetings to all of you!

August is one of those months that is kind of “just there”. No big, exciting holiday to get ready to celebrate - just a nice, relaxing month. And (usually) **hot**! But this year, August has been (mostly) pretty comfortable and pleasant – always welcome. The “Hot August Nights” theme for our luncheon at “The Break Room” in Shingle Springs gave **Bill & Linda Dinette** wonderful ideas for their table decorations. Bill always does a great, creative job in this area and this month was no different! Somewhere he found some really fun, “old time” cardboard cars as well as more sturdy wooden cars on which he put a bottle of wine. Fun to look at and choose for a raffle prize as well. President **Bill Gibson** shared a big “Thank You” from all of us who were able to attend. In response to the anniversary question, I find that **Tom & Gerry Boyle** have shared 54 years together and **Joe & Lynda Lima** have 53 years. Congratulations to you all! Now for birthdays, only **Rudy Blazius** owned up to having one in August. Happy Birthday to you! Next, we were treated to several guests: **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** invited **Dawn Martin** to join us. **Jim Raber** brought his friend, **Harriett Kroot**. **Bill & Jane Gibson** (technically) brought **Ken Bader** and **Carol Luke**. I say “technically” because we have an “open invite” with Ken to let us know when he could come. When he let us know that this month would work and that he would like to bring another friend too, we were delighted even when he asked that we not tell **Bill Dinette** that he and said friend would be there – to be a surprise. And it certainly was, not only for Bill! We also were able to see a wonderful lady, **Carleene Hyde** who was in California for a visit. Carleene is actually a Hangtown Miner member, but she is living in Maryland now! Lots of lively conversation going on with lots of laughing too. Oh, and **Ken Bader** is now a Hangtown Miner member! Welcome!

*President* ~ President **Bill Gibson** went over items that were covered in the last RUAEA Newsletter including the Alliant Credit Union and Pass Travel. **Jerry Avallone** said he tried to enroll 2 family members for passes but remember, as retirees we no longer have “passes” instead we have “enrolled friends”.

*Vice President* ~ **Bill Dinette** did not have a report but he did have a correction to the June minutes. I misspoke when I said that in October we would be able to check out a new place as a possible choice for our December luncheon. I thought the Break Room (where we were this month) was where Bill was talking about but it is a restaurant in Cool and we will be meeting there in October. Sorry about that!

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today and let us know that our checking account is looking good. This number is pretty much on target for this time of the year.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report, but I do thank **Angie Dellinger** who will be filling in for me at the RUAEA convention in September.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** brought cards for everyone to sign for **Ed Akin**. Ed is doing better; but he still has a long ways to go. We all wish Ed and his family the very best and are rooting for him.

*Historian* ~ **Thom Biro** was not at this meeting.

*Old Business* ~ Okay, so the term “old” can cover so many different themes. “Old friends”, “Old time music”, “Old memories”, these “young” people look at you and think you’re just making up a story when you relate to a single (rotary) phone in the house and it is attached to the wall and the receiver is on a cord, and there was only one car per family. They’re astounded when we “old folks” can still dance with vigor, or show them how to bowl or go a round of golf (they may not know about such a thing as Ben Gay)! Since we’re a retiree group, we all have great memories to share with each other and they don’t seem “old” at all! Sometimes I wish the “old” days were still here. But, there was no “old” business to bring up and hash over!

*New Business* ~ Be forewarned, next month we will be discussing who will be our officers for 2019. Hard to believe that we are just 4 months away from the end of this year. The process goes this way – September we talk about who wants/is willing to continue in their position and who would like to take a break. In October we will further talk about who will fill the positions and nominations will be made. In November we will see if there's any changes that have come up and then vote on the panel presented. Remember, we do not have a "formal" meeting at the December luncheon.

*Members' Contributions* ~ **Rudy Blazius** brought up a subject that received a lot of discussion. A friend, Chuck Trebnic, lives in Fall River Mills which is an area that experienced concern in regards to these awful fires. Seems Chuck is still recovering from some medical procedures and has some difficulty with walking, so getting around was difficult. He lost power at his home for 3 days. When he tried to start his generator, he found that it would not start and he had no fuel to run it nor a way to get the gas. Moral of story, if you have equipment that you do not use regularly, be sure to start/run it from time to time to be sure that it will work and you have what you need for any emergency. Some discussion ensued and several fellas agreed that using Propane was a good/better choice.

**Judy Fitzpatrick** asked if there is a "magic list" of things that you should have ready to grab should you need to evacuate quickly. There were several suggestions to help with being prepared for "anything".

A big one is to have your important papers together. From there, Dolores suggested that you could copy the first page of things like insurance policies or your Trust/Will, house deed. You might want to keep the full policies in a bank lock box rather in a home safe. Even though they are rated "fire proof" you don't want to have that one that will fail.

Another good idea is to photograph your home. This can be helpful in more than one instance. With pictures you can prove that you had certain items, or have made improvements to your house. The pictures can be put on a thumb drive – also true for the scans that you take of your legal documents. Keep that thumb drive where you feel it will be safe and you will be able to access it.

Another thing to consider is keeping survival items in the trunk of your car. Nothing overwhelming, but things like water, maybe granola bars or other foods that don't take up too much room, can last awhile and still be good. Be sure to switch those things out for fresher ones so they don't go bad/expire. Oh, if you have pets that you will be taking with you, put in some of their food too!

You can check with your insurance company and ask if they have a "Be Prepared" package that will give you more ideas.

**Tom Kenny** mentioned that they had recently been to the El Dorado Senior Legal Services for some trust help. Other Hangtown Miner members also use this great service. While they don't charge for their help, they really rely on donations. There's no "set" amount – just what you can afford or feel they deserve. Apparently their office is being recommended more and more as they are booking appointments about 3 months out and have been receiving enough donations that they are not in danger of being closed down this next year! Keep up the good work!

After all this lively (and important) discussion, Bill brought our meeting to a close. He then said that **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** will be hosting our next luncheon which was quite a surprise to Rudy! Rudy didn't waste any time, and has set up our September luncheon at the El Dorado Saloon & Grill in El Dorado Hills.

**Bill Dinette** began the raffle. The winner of the donator's prize was a mystery for a while. They had to find her by process of elimination – seems **Jane Gibson** couldn't find her ticket. I do want you all to know that I did find it when I got home, so it was all good, (embarrassed here!). Thanks to all who brought items for the raffle: **Dinette** – table decorations; **Blazius** – coasters; **Wolfram** – frog; **Dellinger** – cookies; **Gibson** – box of fresh garden produce; **Avallone** – vase; **Fitzpatrick** – wine; **Kozelka/Barton** – rosé wine & tomatoes; **Kenny** – cheese & cutter. See you in September!



## **REDWOOD EMPIRE** **RETIREES**

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Greetings RER and RUAEA members:

Our August luncheon was held again at the La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa on August 9<sup>th</sup>, where we have been meeting every other month this year. The luncheon was hosted by **Ann Sullivan, Joan Sheahan, Joan Olsson** and **Jack Donahue**. The number of attendees was announced by **Barbara & Jerry Underhill**, Vice Presidents; there were 20 members present and 3 guests: **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, guests of **Barney & Claire Hagen** and **Jeanine Lane**, guest of **Dick & Carol Hanna**. We welcomed all our guests. President **Larry Wilson** encouraged us all to invite guests to enhance our time together in the future!

UAL Travel Expert **Barney Hagen** talked about using the [United.com](http://United.com) site to make our travel plans, applying our Mileage Plus cards with all of our travel pass information in one place. He reminded us to change our passwords every 90 days to keep our accounts safe!

RUAEA Western Division Director **Roger Casterline** was not present at the luncheon, but we discussed the RUAEA Convention coming up on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Cleveland, Ohio. There were not any members saying that they planned to attend. A get well card was sent out to Roger, whom we had heard was not feeling well lately; we look forward to seeing him back here with us soon. We think he may probably be attending the RUAEA Convention in September.

The latest treasurer's account balance was brought to us by Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey**, she told us that there is \$1413.00 in the General account and \$353.00 in the Charity fund. We were told to be thinking about how to spend our Charity fund money for the end of year donations to local charities.

**Joanne Huhn** announced that cards have been sent out to **Al Bentham**, who had a recent stroke, one to **Roger Casterline**, mentioned previously; a sympathy card to **Don Davis**, at the recent loss of his wife **Norma**; and also a "thinking of you" card to **Jan Blackburn**, whom we have not seen at our last couple of luncheons. Joanne mentioned that if anyone knows of or hears about someone needing a greeting card to let her know, especially since we only meet every other month!

The Birthday and Anniversary greetings were read by me, Secretary **Mary Wilson**, for both July and August. The winners of the free birthday lunches were **Joan Olsson** and **Joan Sheahan**. The one anniversary celebrated in August was for **Ron & Joanne Huhn**, 60 years. Congratulations was sung to all the celebrants.

Next the raffle was held for all the wines, including those which were decoratively clad and placed on the tables for centerpieces by our gracious hosts, and the See's Candies which were brought by the Huhns.

The staff, who bought some tickets, once again were winners of some of the prizes!

President **Larry Wilson** announced that the next luncheon will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> back at the La Gare Restaurant, hosted by **Ron & Joanne Huhn**. Larry encouraged us to remember the Charity box upon leaving the luncheon. I'm looking forward to seeing you in October.



## **RESANS**

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We had a good turnout for our breakfast and **Louis Semon** was the winner of the 50/50. He is already planning his next trip and now he has even more incentive.

I had a very nice talk with **Dick Shenk** who has moved back to the US after several years living in Costa Rica. Dick is living in the Dayton area and is enjoying being back and living in his childhood home.

**Barbara Tobin** had just returned from a trip to Hawaii with her daughter, Julie who works at SMFCS, and two grandchildren. She told me they went to a Luau that was more expensive than she remembered from past trips but it lasted all night long!

**Helen Hutchinson** and **Peter Hendricks** took a driving trip up the Coast to Santa Ynez. They spent two nights at a horse ranch near the lovely little town of Olivos where they had dinner at the Fess Parker Hotel. Remember him? They continued on to the Varian Arabian Training Facility in Arroyo Grande where a friend of theirs has a breeding stallion being shown at the facility. Helen and Peter loved the shops and restaurants in Morro Bay and they then headed East through the hills to Old Oak Canyon and stopped to pay respects to James Dean and then headed for South 5 and back home.

This is a good example that we need not take long international trips, long hours in the air and all the other frustrations of long trips out of the country when we have so much to see and do here. We live in a great country, we need only to get out there and check it out!

Calendar:

**October 4** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

**SACRAMENTO**  
**GOLD DIGGERS**

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**SACRAMENTO**



The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their August 29<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Max's Restaurant in Auburn, CA. We would like to thank **Ken & Stephanie Norton** for hosting this month's luncheon.

President **Frank Dellinger** announced that we have 36 members present and 1 guest, **Marv Becker's** daughter, Sherrie.

Vice President **Penny Greenacre** announced that our October luncheon will be hosted by **Hank & Rose Wikstad**. **Sonda Sandstedt** and **Jim Simon** will host the December Christmas Party. January 2019 luncheon will be hosted by **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**. February 2019 luncheon will be hosted by **Angie & Frank Dellinger**. The March luncheon will be hosted by **Len & Laverne Haubl**. Please call Penny if you are willing to host any months in 2019.

Secretary **Marji Gabert-Milam** acknowledged the many anniversaries in August: **Bob & Margaret Eggert** (62 years), **Lance & Trudy Engeldinger** (43 years), **Ron & Rhonda Yates** (48 years), **Karl & Ruth Stammnitz** (62 years), **Daniel & Rosemary Figueroa** (62 years), **Ronald & Rosanne Bogue** (50 years), **Skip & Marie Jenkins** (57 years), **Forester & Jean Sinclair** (36 years).

The September anniversaries are announced, as there will not be a luncheon in September, due to the Convention in CLE. **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** (33 years), **Ken & Stephanie Norton** (57 years), **Dennis & Else Carr** (57 years), **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger** (36 years), and **Jim & Roberta Wagner** (39 years).

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

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** wanted us to welcome back **Judie King** following her surgery and **Marv Becker** following the death of his wife, **Jean**.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** thanked everyone for coming and clarified luncheon food options.

**Ron Bertacini** reported that the convention in Cleveland is coming along. Registration numbers jumped in just one month's time. He hopes to see everyone there.

**Jim Simon** reported that the DEN RUAEA office is now up and running.

Frank stated that he has spoken to the **Mike Zoldak** regarding regional directors attending local chapter meetings. There is approval for one trip. There is a proposal to keep members informed by phone conversations, eliminating the need to travel and to save money.

We have T-shirts from the 2007 convention in Sacramento with the Golden Bear design. Bring your T-shirt to the Convention for a photo op.

Angie read a letter from **Jim & Roberta Wagner**. They are living in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Penny conducted the Raffle and asked that anyone wanting a 2017 convention T-shirt to let her know.

Meeting is adjourned and we hope to see you at the Convention or the October luncheon.



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

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our President, **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 for information.

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It looks like chapter members are staying a little closer to home these days with an increase in attendees at our weekly breakfasts. It may be just a lull though after summer travels and before they are off again visiting friends and family and/or seeing interesting sites near and far. Speaking of our weekly breakfasts, we will be changing the location of our weekly breakfast meetings to Mimi's Café, 1200 El Paseo de Saratoga in San Jose, starting November 2. Meetings will remain on Fridays at 8am to approximately 9:30am. A convenient location with plenty of parking and a great menu, we look forward to the change. After many great years at Holder's Country Inn, we were told that the restaurant would close or be sold at year-end which precipitated the decision to be proactive and find a new location before the year is out.

Our Fall Luncheon at the Scottish Rite Center in San Jose is on September 11 so I will report on this event next month. We are looking forward to a good time together and a moment of remembrance for those who lost their lives on that fateful day in 2001. The RUAEA Cleveland Convention is also coming up in just a couple of weeks and I'll be sharing about that in next month's newsletter as well.



On August 20, Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) celebrated 50 years of United's presence at the airport having begun service on August 20, 1968. The airfield came to fruition in 1939, mainly to be a general aviation and crop-dusting airport. However, due to aviation restrictions during World War II, the airport was not constructed until 1945. Just a few years later in 1949, the first commercial aircraft service began with a Southwest Airways (no relation to Southwest Airlines) DC-3, which chose SJC as one of its eight stops between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The airport was renamed in 2002 in recognition of Norman Y. Mineta's role as U.S. Secretary of Transportation and as being a native son. As a child, Mineta's parents used to take him to San Jose Airport, sparking his love of aviation. He enrolled in U.C. Berkeley to study Aeronautical Engineering, but he ended up switching to business administration after taking calculus. Mineta jokingly said, "*I decided for the safety of the country, and my own future, I should find another major.*" In fact, the aviation bug runs through his family. His wife, Deni, was a United Airlines flight attendant for 35 years. His son, Stuart, is currently an ERJ-175 captain for SkyWest Airlines. Norman Mineta is most known for his role in the White House Situation Room during the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. He made the order to then Vice President Dick Cheney to ground all aircraft over U.S. airspace, a feat that hadn't been done in the history of the country. Just a few months after the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, the City of San Jose renamed their airport after their former councilman, mayor, and national hero.

On Sunday, October 7 we're looking forward to another celebration—Family Day at SFO and United's 70<sup>th</sup> year as a Maintenance Base. Information was shared in the September newsletter with details such as the events of the day, how to obtain wristbands for entry for retirees, and how to volunteer. Several from our chapter plan to attend.

Travels for the month — We had some sad news recently. **Keith & Ann Olthof** were on their way to Amsterdam to visit family and celebrate her birthday when they found out their daughter was in a horrific accident and sustained major injuries. They were rerouted back to San Francisco. Their daughter is still currently hospitalized. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family! **George Dye** was in New Jersey to visit his sisters for a few weeks and to also work on a family home. **George & Julie Midwin** were in San Diego to visit historical sites in the area — 50 in fact! He was quite organized and did his homework beforehand to make sure it would happen all in one weekend. **Dave & Robin Garland** were in Oregon to celebrate a granddaughter's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday — the youngest of the clan. Having driven, they were fortunate to head south the day before the Delta fire began which closed about 45 miles of I-5 in Northern California. Several in our chapter have been entertaining friends and relatives visiting from elsewhere. We trust you've been exceptional hosts!

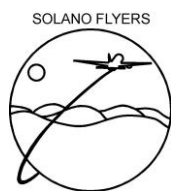
We will meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot. Our last day there will be October 26 (see above). Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

Thought for the Month — One kind word can change someone's entire day!

#### Calendar:

**October 7** - Family Day at SFO – Sunday, from 11am-4pm

**November 2** - Breakfast at Mimi's – 8am



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We had 13 members in attendance on August 8 at Rauls Cafe in Fairfield, **Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Eugene Boyce, James Ellison, Allan Pochop, John Frances, Stewart McCale, Louis Pell, Jamie Schwafel, Paul Schwafel, Frank Uhl, and Pad & Eileen Gardner.**

Chapter President **Canstantino**, aka **Dino Poolos**, could not make our meeting and is scheduled for a knee replacement, all wished him well, and a get well card was sent.

Information for all military retirees, that there will be an open enrollment November 12 thru December 10 for different dental/vision plans to choose from, effective January 1, 2019. Website [tricarebenefits.com](http://tricarebenefits.com).

We were reminded that the 2018 RUAEA Convention will be in Cleveland, September 18-22, for those who are interested.

Moving on, one chapter leader suggested that we need to have a closing for our monthly meeting, something with meaning and impact, this person stated that he spent considerable time working on memorable lyric for our closure, he then sang a little off key, "Happy Trails to you, until we meet again". This resulted in a member, stating, "Plagiarism, that came from Red Ryder's show in the 1950's". Other members joined in the battle; some even suggested it was a theme song for Roy Rogers.

Anyway, one can see that the Flyers are an entertaining group, and it is within the chapter's police policy that we do not divulge the name of any member accused of plagiarism.

Our 50/50 winner was **James Ellison**. It pays to be a winner; and you can't win unless you show up to play.

I am the innocent reporting person, and will again post the minutes next month September 12, from the Red Robin restaurant at 186 Nut Tree Pkwy, Vacaville.

#### Calendar:

**October 10** - Flyers will be at BJ Brewery, 190 Nut Tree Pkwy. Vacaville.



## COLORADO

### DENVER MILE HIGHERS

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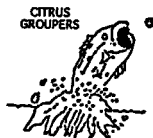


There is no chapter report from the Denver Mile Highers this month.

Next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## FLORIDA

### THE CITRUS GROUPEERS THE VILLAGES



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

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact President **Joe Di Staso** at [wopahofl@comcast.net](mailto:wopahofl@comcast.net).

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We welcomed another new member to our group! **Sherry Ardern** retired from DENSW about 4 years ago and is living in Mims, FL. We hope she enjoyed our luncheon and will continue to attend.

After the opening pledge and prayer we had several occasions to celebrate. We sang Happy Birthday to **Karen Gammill** and **Janet Horton** and then applauded our most celebrated member, **Bill Lowry**, who was hired by United 69 years ago! He sure has seen a lot of changes over the years! Our wedding anniversary couple, **Anne & Lowell Johnston** normally attend but couldn't make it today so they were in our thoughts as they are marking 61 years of marriage this month.

President **Dick Coughlin** was once again in rare form with his jokes. Rumor has it he's a finalist on America's Got Talent! He also briefed us on the United scene including information about lay flat seats on our 737's and an increase in baggage fees.

We voted on which organizations we would like to support this year with our treasury. The 3 selected were Family Renew Community in Holly Hill, The Daytona Beach Salvation Army and Jesus Clinic also in Daytona Beach. Treasurer **Frieda Coughlin** will be sending checks to them soon. Thanks Frieda for taking care of that!

The 50/50 was won by **Sherrill Morgan**. Congratulations Sherrill!

### Calendar:

**October 4** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**November 1** - Same as above



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There is no chapter report this month from the Orlando Real McCoys chapter of RUAEA.

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Upcoming luncheon will be September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

Our next luncheon will be in October, and we meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May. We welcome any visiting retirees or anyone who is thinking of moving to our beautiful area of Florida. For information, call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at: [drjekyl.hyde@aol.com](mailto:drjekyl.hyde@aol.com).



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Monday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> with 12 members in attendance. Our meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Birthdays ~ **Janis Lindstrom** on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

We talked about our members that have had some setbacks; we wish them well and speedy recover.

The Secretary and Treasurer reports were read. Membership is up to date.

Travels ~ The Lindstroms went to St. Augustine, FL and had a great 3 days celebrating their anniversary.

The Fall Picnic on October 1 was discussed, we will have a Pot Luck Luncheon. We will check which shelter we will be at in Anderson Park and send e-mail to all with details. Our Spring Picnic will be catered. The Christmas Luncheon will be held at Outback on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.

Beverly will be attending the RUAEA Convention in Cleveland. We talked about 9/11 and United.

The meeting was closed and lunch was served.

**Calendar:**

**October 1** - Fall Picnic - Anderson Park - 11:00AM

**November 5** - IHOP - 10:30 AM

**December 12** – Wednesday, Christmas Luncheon - Outback - 1pm

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President **Al Popek** called to order our September meeting with 18 members in attendance. He led everyone in the Pledge Of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence in reverence to those brave United employees who lost their lives on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 17 years ago.

We were all pleased to have **Constantinos "Dinos" Xifaras** with us again following his recovery from his auto accident in February which occurred on his way to our February meeting. He shared that his new home's difficulties have been resolved and he has finally settled in peacefully. Just waiting now for an e-mail address.

Also returning was **Jim Morehead**. After a serious illness and recovery, he is feeling stronger and actually travelling again. He even took a trip to Australia.

Five of our members, thus far, will be attending the Cleveland Convention: **Arnie & Dee Lakso, Barbara Dodenhoff, Sharon Kirk** and **Jim Morehead**. Still awaiting their new roof after waiting for over a year, **Al & Janice Popek** will be unable to make the trip.

After their return from the convention, Barbara and Sharon will head to Dubai for an eventful cruise. Also planning cruises are **Pattie Connell** and **Tom Odom** who have three on their itinerary. **Bob Langevin** and **Sandy Ruggiero** will be off to Venice and The Greek Islands. **Paul & Diane Liebisch** will be cruising the Caribbean and also taking their yearly trip to Hawaii.

**Carolyn & David Lindgren** will be traveling to Gatlinburg with her sister. **Mary Kay Wetherington**, finally using her passes after many, many years, will meet up with her sister, a former "stewardess", in Denver and fly to six different states to visit their siblings and other relatives.

Bon voyage to all of these adventurous travelers! Meanwhile, United will start flying to numerous new destinations in the coming months. We're certainly looking forward to new adventures. **Al & Janice Popek** have their sights set on Tahiti.

In lieu of our October meeting we will gather for our semi-annual picnic on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Dubois Park in Jupiter. A sign-up sheet was passed around for everyone to choose what they will bring for a side dish. If you were unable to attend this meeting but will be coming to the picnic, let **Al Popek** know what you would like to bring. Directions etc. will be sent soon by **Bob Langevin**.

**Diane Liebisch**, Treasurer, collected annual dues from everyone. If you have not yet paid your dues you can mail a check, made out to **Diane Liebisch**, to her home.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for December 12<sup>th</sup>, a Wednesday, from Noon to 4:00PM with Happy Hour cocktails following on the patio. More information will follow from **Bob Langevin**.

Medicare is mailing out new ID cards with newly generated numbers to Florida residents. Looks like it's in alphabetical order. Be sure to watch for yours to arrive.

Anyone wishing to hold a position on next year's board can contact **Al Popek**. **Carolyn Lindgren** has volunteered to take over the Treasurer's position. Thank You again to **Diane Liebisch** for doing such an excellent job for many years.

50/50 was won by **"Dinos" Xifaras**. **David Damon's** name was drawn for the Progressive. Since he was not attending, it will roll-over.

September Birthdays include **Diane Liebisch** (the 5<sup>th</sup>), **Diane Brodis** (the 6<sup>th</sup>), **Jane Kerr** (the 16<sup>th</sup>) and **Joyce Smith** (the 22<sup>nd</sup>).

### **Calendar:**

**October 16** - Picnic at Dubois Park, Jupiter, 12noon

**November 6** - Luncheon/Meeting Duffy's South Stuart 12:30

**December 12** - Christmas Party, The Twisted Tuna, 12 Noon

## GEORGIA



**DIXIE FLYERS**

### DIXIE FLYERS

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Sixteen Dixie Flyers met on September 5<sup>th</sup>. The **Carringers** and grandson, **Barb & Frank Russy, Bogie & Jodie Wallace, Stan Cebula, Fred Cron**, with **Melba, Richard Thompson, Barney Knotts, Sandy Lis, Don Shelley**, and **Fran Broderson. Gary Tuttle** was unable to make it due to bronchitis.

**Bill Allen** and **Jim Deson** are in assisted living facilities and not doing well. On a sad note, Dixie Flyers lost **Marge Heider** on August 26<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed by many.

**Don Holmes**, supervisor at ATLOZ, is at Woodbury Nursing Home, the prognosis is not good at all.

Next meeting of the Dixie Flyers will be on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Broadway Diner, Fayetteville, Georgia, 2PM, (770) 716-2628.

## HAWAII



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

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

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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old 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@aol.com](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.



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Our last lunch meeting was held at a restaurant in nearby Meridian at The Village. There is continuing growth in this area.

We meet every other month, taking turns choosing the place to eat. Compared to past years, our group is small. We would like having more, but what will be will be.

*"The future's not ours to see."* **Dave & Pam Crosby** are the newest of our members. We so enjoy being with them. They shared the following for this article: *"Went to Denver (our home base) but drove because of taking the dog. Stayed 2 weeks - had fun. Dave won the 20K for Idaho in bicycling, qualified for the Senior Games in Albuquerque next year."*

**Lois Rodriguiz** shared: *"Hello from Idaho, enjoying The Good Life, retirement in Idaho and beyond!"*

**Shirley & Rick Dempsey** shared the enjoyment of their grandsons, 2 and 4 years old. *"This is the best enjoyment ever!"*

As for David and I, we are enjoying our retirement years. I taught mostly 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at a Christian school here in Boise. Our Good Sam club disbanded this spring, but we continue camping in our motorhome. We feel so blessed to have our daughter, son-in-law, and three granddaughters living now close by, having been in Oregon several years.

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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October — Whooooeeeee, watch and feel those wintery breezes come in from the Northwest. Maybe they're here to help the Witches fly in later this month. Actually, Halloween is becoming the more decorated holiday than Christmas. Orange and purple lights were seen in my neighborhood this week. Even saw a few skeletons hanging out in a cemetery. I think they were plastic ... Do you remember your favorite Halloween costumes? Back in the day, we **made** our costumes, or got dad's old shirt, mom's old shoes and jewelry, and we had our costumes. I loved that I could be somebody else for a day. I had an old top hat and tuxedo tails from my grandpa, got a beard and went as an undertaker. Others were a shaggy dog, hot dog, flower, bumble bee, and even made costumes for my sisters and nephews as we walked the streets begging for candy. As my girlfriend, Carol, and I got older, we'd go to bars, win prizes of drinks, dinners and bottles of spirits. More fun than chuckles.

Other holidays are, Columbus Day on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Bring your Teddy Bear to work on the 10<sup>th</sup>, which is on the same day as the Northside Breakfast, Sweetest Day the 20<sup>th</sup>, Mother in Law Day the 28<sup>th</sup>, and my favorite, Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup>. October is also Breast Cancer Month, Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, and Cookie, Popcorn, and Pizza Month. I think we've covered most of them.

The Northside Breakfast had about a dozen folks attend. C'mon people, wake up early and join us. We're very nice people. It's going to be cold soon, and you won't want to go out. Ok, your loss ... (Did I mention it's also Sarcastic Month?) **Lynn Hagele**'s son and families rented a house in Palm Springs this June to celebrate her birthday. **Jim Sommerfield** had his son, daughter in law and grandkids up to his Wisconsin cabin for a fun weekend of supper clubbing and swimming in Big Green Lake. **Jerry Tipperreiter** and his sister, **Joan Teister**, had a combined family get together at Pearl Lake, just south of the Wisconsin border. There were 17

people and two dogs. They wrapped up the weekend by attending a concert of the Sweet Adelines where Jerry's daughter is in a group, The Melodeers. **Bill Bergner** and his wife signed up for a trip to the Holy Land with their church group in late October.

The Southside Breakfast had 10 people. We welcomed back **Bob Pearson** after being absent while taking care of his late wife, **Agnes**. We were so glad to see him again. **Barb Wesemann** did some more traveling to Red Bluff, California, where she joined her sister on a bus tour through Oregon and into Washington. They stayed in Friday Harbor, then took a cruise around San Juan Island and returned to Red Bluff. **Gwen Brookins** was here with her walker after her extensive back surgery. She's looking good and in very good spirits. She and I talked about having Walker Races after the meeting. Gwen will be assuming the duties of secretary from Agnes. The raffle was a runaway for one person; **Jan Gawenda**, who won all three raffles. She's sure that won't happen again in her lifetime.

The ORDMM breakfast had about 25 mechanics. Three came that we haven't seen in a while, **Vince Vincent**, **Jim Hall**, and **George Fudge**. Conversation went to some that were sick and the fellows we lost last month, **Ray Bensen**, **Bill Jones**, **Mike Pasquerelli**, and **Jack Rairigh**, one of the most upbeat and kind men at ORD. He was diagnosed with brain cancer in May, and gone by July. It's a great loss for Sue, his family and his coworkers.

The IAM 1487 had their luncheon for 99 members at the Union Hall on September 6. It was a Meet and Eat. Last month I told you that meant to bring your own lunch. Wrong, it meant bring an entrée, dessert or salad, depending on your last name. Sorry about that, got the wrong meaning with the right word, or vice versa ... October is bring your own lunch. Read your IAM Newsletter, you can't go wrong with that. The annual Oktoberfest luncheon will be on October 16 at 1:00, at Kuhn's German Deli at 749 Golf Road, in Des Plaines. An update on a few of the members, **Ralph Robbins** is spending some time in a rehab facility getting his walking legs restored. **Rose Podlesny** and **Ralph Wiggins** are still undergoing treatments. **Tom Durkin** and **Renee Prost** are continuing their rehab sessions. The Union Christmas Banquet will be December 6. Sign up now, avoid the rush. There are a few anniversaries this month, **Judy & Carlton Hibbert**, 50 years, and **Eleanor & Gene Vegeais**, 65 years, wow! Our dear friend, **Harold Ogle**, is 98 this month. He's still very active and sharp as a tack. Happy Birthday!

Our Skyliners Fall lunches attracted over 130 people. Our entertainment was **Bob Graham**, who read letters from customers when he was in Customer Relations. Some of them were hysterical, plus his delivery of them added to the fun. Can you imagine if all of us who were in some form of Customer Service shared our experiences? A whole book could be written, for sure, or we could do it at our luncheons from now to infinity! Actually, some of my conversations with employees were pretty alarming and unbelievable. **Charlie Lewis** tells me we have a few new members that joined the Skyliners recently, **Richard Lux**, ORD Product Sort, **Judy Meyers**, and **Susan Godzik**, EXOPW. Now that we're asking everybody to join, hope you can help us add some new members and have more fun to our chapter! If you look up [chicagoskyliners.org](http://chicagoskyliners.org) you will find an application there, plus some nifty pictures of past events, and the RUAEA application also. We are such cute people, why not join us? Bring a friend, a relative, your dog. (no, just kidding)

A few industry mentions from United. We will be flying from DEN to two new destinations this month, Flagstaff, AZ, and Sonoma, CA. Bag fees are going up for regular passengers about \$5.00 per bag, not for us, but you might want to pass it on to your friends. Something interesting going on at LAX, a few weeks ago, on flights going from LAX to SFO and LAS, our employees flooded the gate areas. It included pilots to ramp, customer service to tech ops, Station Ops to Global Services, they all came out, greeted the passengers, talked about what they do, explained what goes on behind the scenes, and thanked them for their business. Then the employees gave out raffle tickets to win prizes, including United hats, amenity kits, passport holders, then even posed for pictures. This went over very big from tots to seasoned travelers. What a great idea, I wonder if ORD will try this. We need good press for a change, anything will do! I was just told that we're adding Rhapsody Blue, Premium Purple, Runway Gray, and two more shades of blue to our color scheme to make us more memorable to our customers. How about adding a Tulip, that's memorable. Meowww!

Our United Departures this month include **Anthony Suminski**, EXOKF, **Dorothy Peck**, wife of **Gary Peck**, EXORA, **Jack Rairigh**, ORDMM, and **Paul Hennip**, Supervisor in ORDCCG. Also gone from our world were Kofi Annan, Robin Leach, John McCain, Barrie Dunsmore, handsome and humorous, Burt Reynolds, and the woman who transcended time, age, color, religion, Aretha Franklin. Children from 6 to 96 sang along with her songs, she was a true iconic legend. Music is the language of the World.

### Calendar:

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

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

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**October 4**), First Thursday of the month.

**December 4** - Skyliners's Christmas Luncheon, Avalon Restaurant, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, IL, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 Lunch

## INDIANA



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The August Indy Racers meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. After our successful summer picnic at the home of **Charles Theiss**, we returned to our home meeting place Emmy's Pancake House, Avon, Indiana. We had 18 attendees out of 20 active members. In attendance were **Ken & Deanna Boeke; Hannelore Brabo; Mario & Margaret Bregante; Wanda Bryce; Jack & Carol Conway; Bob & Ruth Duffey; Bob & Myrtle Duty; Jim Gibson; Chris Johnston; Frank & Rita Prins; Charles Theiss** and his son Anthony; and **Tony Urbanovic**. The only business discussed was the date, Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, and location, Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, for our Christmas Dinner. More information on this event will be forthcoming.

Once again, we have several Indy Racers travelling during September ~ **Hannelore Brabo** is travelling to the Monterey/Seaside, California area to attend the military burial ceremony for her late husband **Joseph Ray Brabo**. Ray passed away December 27, 2017 and will be interred at the Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery. **Jack & Carol Conway** are attending a family reunion in Martinsville, IN. ' & ' ' will attend a family reunion at Miranda Gardens near Eureka, California.

The 50/50 was won by **Bob Duty** for \$22.50.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 1230 for lunch and a business meeting starting at 1330. The location will be Emmy's Pancake House, 7508 Beechwood Center, Avon, IN 46123.

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### Submitted by Irene Kimball

Rounding out our summer vacation stories, **Bill Vanderwal** tells that he has been going to a little island in Onset Bay since 1946. He bought the cottage, which is right on the water, from his parents in 1972 and has spent every summer there since. Even while he worked in Chicago, Elaine would stay and he would commute. It is just near the Cape Cod Canal without having to go over the bridge with no motorized vehicles on the island. Sounds like a slice of heaven.

Theatre news: In addition to a second career at the hotel, **Sarah Pitt-Wooll** has begun "stage managing gigs". She has just accepted 2 more productions. One play goes up in November, The Gift of the Magi and the other goes up in March, but pre-production starts now so this gal is definitely not letting any grass grow under her feet.

Sad news to report from the airport ~ **Sal DiMartino**, BOSMM, passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Nor'easters send their sincere sympathies to his wife, **Paula**, BOSSW, and his entire family.

Happy September Birthdays to **Frank DeStefano**, **Carleen Eddy**, **Mercedes Hersom**, **Lynn O'Hara**, **Paul O'Mara**, and **Gerald Peters**. Congratulations and Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to **Joan & Ron Twing** and Cheers to 40 for **Del & Edna Delgado**. Ah, the adventure continues!

Next get-together will be at Venezia Restaurant in Boston on October 2. This restaurant is at the halfway point for most of our members so we are hoping for a good turnout.

## MICHIGAN



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Our September retiree luncheon was held at Applebee's Grill and Bar in Livonia on Thursday, September 6. It was nice having **Denise Thorsby** and **Gail Buchanan** join us this month. Others attending were **Pam Shamey**, **Patty Gates**, **Lynn Manzi**, **Joan Robinson**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Bill & Camille Wade**, **Gwen Dyc Schwendenmann**, and our hosts **Carol Slade** and **Sue Craig**. Loved those cupcakes that our hosts brought.

A couple of our "old" friends popped into Michigan recently. **Kay Smith** came up from Florida where she and her husband **Ken** are living. **Carol Shaffner**, **Marlene Heaney**, and **Gwen Dyc** met Kay for lunch and spent several hours catching up on old times. Kay is recovering from an unfortunate golf cart incident that left her going to rehab for weeks. She is feeling much better and looks great.

**Linda Ward** and **Donnis Reese** drove in from Nebraska to attend a funeral of a friend. They both are doing well and enjoying their new home in Lincoln.

There is going to be a Detroit Remote Picnic for United co-workers, retirees, family and friends. It will be held on Saturday, September 15 from 11a-5p EST at Hines Park at the Plymouth Riverside Shelter 12280 Hines Drive, Plymouth, MI. RSVP to [Ellen.Landoski@united.com](mailto:Ellen.Landoski@united.com). The cost is \$5 per person. Email Ellen by Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.

On a recent trip to Phoenix, after going through TSA security, my driver's license and credit card were lost. What a nerve wracking couple of days I spent trying to put a hold on the credit card and to determine what TSA would accept to fly back home. They accepted my Costco card because it had my picture on it but it was in my husband's name. They wanted something else with my address on it. Nothing did. But because I did have other ID they questioned me and gave me a head to toe pat down and allowed me to board. I strongly suggest that you have a photo copy of your driver's license and the front and back of any and all credit cards with you. It certainly will make things less stressful in the event that any of these items are lost or stolen.

**Marlene Heaney's** brother, **Jay Melow**, passed away a couple of weeks ago. Our heartfelt condolences to her and her family.

The next retiree luncheon will be held on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## MINNESOTA

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19 steadfast Lites came together to enjoy a meal and catch up on the latest. **Nel Brawner** hosted the meeting and regaled us with funny tidbits and stories. She brought a photo album for all to peruse, highlighting the RUAEA convention held in the Twin Cities in 1999. Believe it or not, we had 999 registered attendees for that event. It still amazes me that so many people trekked to the place where the state bird is the mosquito and



the fourth season is Road Construction. Maybe they just wanted to see if there was still snow on the ground ... Actually, they all seemed to enjoy our home turf!

The group attending that day voted to again donate to the Flight 93 Memorial, using funds accumulated by the raffles each month. Speaking of the raffles, \$50 of the monies collected that day was split among five lucky winners and Nel won the birthday gift of \$5.

Our hearts are broken with the loss of the Old Norwegian, **Andy Holen**. The “Andy” stories of his antics in the old days will be told for years and he will be sorely missed. Condolences may be sent to **Norma** and his family at 40357 US Hwy 169, Onamia, MN 56359.

In the feeling-not-so-good department, **Dave Wiley** had surgery & is back dealing with cancer again. Time to get the prayer chain going, guys.

We received a “Thank You” note from **Susan Hooker**, daughter of **Mary & Jim Brennan**, who biked a bunch of miles (like, about 600!) across southern Minnesota for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Our group donated to her efforts and she raised over \$3,300 for their research.

Got a nice note from **Harold Heidebrink**, MSP mechanic from the 60’s/70’s. He now lives, at 93, in Fresno and is obviously a member in RUAEA as he reads these reports each month. Yes, Hal, I remember you and thanks for the kind words. Here’s his address if any of y’all out there would like to contact him ~ 2811 W. California Ave., Apt. 428, Fresno, CA 93706-2343.

*Note:* October’s meeting date will be **Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**. Future meetings as usual ...

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave. Maplewood, MN. Take I-694 to Exit 51 (White Bear Ave.) south to Woodlynn Ave. (about 2 blocks), left and into the strip mall across from Maplewood Mall. You’ll see Aldi’s Market nearby.

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

### Calendar:

**October 2** - Olive Garden, hosted by **Myrtis Olds** and daughter

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

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on October 11. 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](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038. We will be glad to see you.



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There were 17 members and one guest at our August meeting at the Black Bear Diner. The guest was **Lesley Mathis**, who accompanied **Maurine Williams**.

Our September meeting will be at Miguel's at the Summit Sierra shopping mall (where Dillard's is located) on S. Virginia at the South end of town. Each member will pay their own tab and it will include the tip. Thanks to **Larry & Barbara Leusing** for arranging this Mexican lunch. Our normal lunch time of 11:30 am remains the same.

August birthdays were celebrated by **Dottie Robbins** and **Pat Zoboli**. We have learned that **Bob & Roberta Wagner** are now residing in Bend, Oregon after a very brief stay in California. Each has a grown child living in the area so they will have family close by.

As an August birthday, I was very happy to win the 50/50. Not a bad way to celebrate! **Norm Borchers** and **Kathy Robinson** won bottles of wine.

Our Baker Extraordinaire, **Bill Perkins**, brought dessert – cookies. We started with dessert since our new waiter was not used to working a large group.

Our Christmas Luncheon has been set for Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at Tamarack Junction. The pricing will remain the same and the entrée options are beef tips in mushroom sauce, Chicken Parmesan and Salmon with lemon butter.

Our next meeting will be at Miguel's on Wednesday, September 19. See you there.

## **NEW JERSEY**

### **THE GARDEN STATERS**

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The Garden Staters meeting opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Worzocha**. He read a thank you note from **Al Eviskitis'** daughter thanking us for remembering her father.

It was good to see **Louise Keleher**, **Staley Kott**, **George Whitman**, **Rosemary & Terry Schultz**. Both George and Terry have been under the weather nonetheless they were at the luncheon. **Frank Kokaska**, our man on the inside who is still working gave us a great report as to what's going on at Newark. He reported that the old United Hangar 14 which was torn down is now being rebuilt for UPS. That old hangar opened in 1957, and it was a legend at the airport with so many memories. He also said that Singapore Airlines will now start nonstop service from Newark to Singapore this coming October. They will be using an updated 787 – 9, and the trip will take at least 18 hours plus.

**Kathy & John Daily** said they are going to the convention in Cleveland, I know our Garden Staters will be well represented.

**Rosemary Schultz** won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be on September 26 at Snuffy's, 12 PM in Scotch Plains.

\*\*\*\* From the great prophet Leroy: *“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens, can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”*

## NEW YORK

### NEW YORK METROS



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Twenty-five members met on this lovely late summer day. Not much to report. Those celebrating birthdays this month are **Roberta Manfredo, Emma & Nunzio Milazzo, Kathi Kennedy** and **Joyce Smith**. The 50/50 drawing was won by (in order) **John Green** (\$50), **Pat Hannon** (\$50) and our guest **Mario Lagasi**, grandson of the **Pozzis** (\$10).

**Ed Pozzi** announced the death of **William (“Jack”) Armstrong** (JFK). **Jordan Levine’s** wife **Mary** is recovering at home following back surgery. She is doing okay. **Ed Ellis** suffered a heart attack. He is still in the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers go out for them and their families.

My secretary, Chip, who is doing this newsletter, and I had a nice trip to the Washington, D.C. area to visit family. We checked out the new MGM National Harbor Casino. We left them a contribution. There was lots of traffic going and coming.

Hopefully there will be more news next month.

#### Calendar:

**October 3** – Meeting at Davenport Press

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Our annual picnic was held on August 1<sup>st</sup> at The Chalet in Strongsville Metroparks and was hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**. This is our eighth year at the Chalet, and to say that our members would not be happy if we have it somewhere else is a “huge” understatement. The day was “iffy” as far as the weather was concerned. It was between cloudy and sunny, but very fortunately, it did not rain on us.

A crowd of 99 Buckeyes including guests, attended. The meal was a “gourmet delight” with chicken, potato salad and beverages provided by our organization and side dishes and desserts made by our members. Everyone brought a dish for 8 to 10 people. Kudos to all of them as this group could compete with “the best of chefs”. Before we ate, of course we said “Thanks to God”. **Sue Broderick** said Grace.

**Arlene Taylor** conducted the meeting announcing that Vice President **Barb Vauls** was not there because since our previous luncheon, she had a stroke and is now recuperating. President **Dolly Taucher** did manage to be there for a short time between unexpected doctor’s appointments. However, we do need to say a very special “Thank You” to **John Taucher** for the great job that he did in running the show in Dolly’s absence.

We want to give a special “Thank You” to former Vice President **Arlene Taylor** who, in Dolly and Barb’s absence, stepped in to manage all that had to be done which included conducting the meeting. Prior to lunch, Arlene announced illnesses: **Tom Sturgeon, Dave Placko**, and **Pat Hendy**. We had one death announced, **Pat McCurley** on July 24<sup>th</sup>. No services were held at the present time.

A few weeks after our picnic, we learned that Life Member **Vera Hall** had passed away on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

After lunch, the 50/50 raffle was conducted and the lucky winners were **Barb Wachs, Judy Mcknight**, and **Hannah Biesh**.

We have a new member, **Pat Janocha**, who had joined in on the fun. And our guests included **Doris Schueler’s** daughter, **Sue Battig**. And **Emily Fiste**, granddaughter of **Lloyd & Patti Fiste**, joined in on the fun. Both discovered that no matter what your age, you can still have fun.

**Arlene Taylor** conducted birthdays and yes, we did sing “The Song”. Birthday celebrants included **Sam Bennett, Joe Gall, Phil Gaudio, Ron Glozer, John Gualtier, Tom Hamlin, Tom Heidecker, Tom Hassel**,

**Eleanor Kiehl, Pat Hendy, Helen Hockett, Judy McKnight, Rudy Pivik, Marie Placko, Steve Rak, Dick & Jane McPheter.** Wow! Lots of us born in August! Next was Anniversaries which included **George & Nancy Oncu** (48 years), **John & Paulette Bazilewich** (53 years), **Joe & Carolyn Gall** (54 years), **Jerry & Kathy Laco** (50 years), and **Jim & Joan Schulte** (48 years).

Again, we want to say “Bravo” to **Arlene Taylor** for the fantastic job. Well done!

Remember: The RUAEA newsletter is a great source of information on United!

*“A mind is like a parachute ... it doesn’t work if it isn’t open.”*

Calendar:

**September 12** - Carrie Cerino's; hosted by **Nancy & George Oncu**

**October 3** - Old Oak Bible Church; hosted by **Jeff & Judy Spooner**

**November 7** - Michael’s Place; hosted by **Tom & Marty Hassel**

**December 5** - Diamond Event Center; hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**

**OREGON**



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August was another beautiful day in the Pacific Northwest, and 63 folks were able to join us for a great lunch, lots of laughter, and a very fun airline trivia game created and shared by member **Kathy Russell**. We were delighted to have visitors **Sam & Joyce Yaws**, now residing in Oklahoma, join us. They came to PDX to meet a new grandchild and happened upon our group when looking for a bite of lunch. So glad we happened to be meeting that day! Previously Sam was a PDXMM foreman. **Sherry & Ray Reed**’s daughter also joined us and shared lots of laughs.

Unfortunately we have some sad news to pass along as well. We learned that **Jane Futrell** is having health issues and required blood transfusions. If you would like to send her a card, her address is 12508 NE 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA 98684-0814.

Also, shortly after our meeting, we learned that **Frank Bullis**’ wife, **Marion Deasy**, passed away the morning of August 11<sup>th</sup> from complications stemming from a broken hip that occurred on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Marion worked in LAXCS and retired from PDXCS. She was 87 years old.

This month’s quote from our President was actually shared with her by our NW Director, **Tom Cunningham** and came from a recent International linguistic conference held in London, England, and attended by some of the best linguists in the world. Samsunder Balgogin, from Guyana, was the clear winner after he explained the difference between complete and finished ~ “*When you marry the right woman, you are complete. But, if you marry the wrong woman, you are finished. If the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are completely finished.*”

Announcements: WAAAM (Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum) always has a fly-in the weekend after Labor Day. This year’s fly-in will be on September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Hotchkins and Russells are planning to attend this event on September 8<sup>th</sup> and hopes others will join them

*Anniversaries* ~ **Tom and Shirley Walker** (59 years). *Birthdays* ~ **Bruce DeFord, George Thomas, Joe Alph, Patsy Ogden, Ruth Larson, Pat Smith and Shirley Walker**. *Drawing Winners* ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Joe Alph**, Men’s Birthday - **George Thomas**; Women’s Birthday - **Patsy Ogden**; 50/50 - **Kathy Russell**.

Calendar:

Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill –

Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon

**September 12** – Ice Cream Social

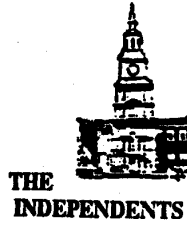
**October 10** – Speaker from National Weather Service

**November 14** – Share some of your favorite, or funniest Thanksgiving memories.

## PENNSYLVANIA

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

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

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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

### Calendar:

**September 20** – Luncheon/Meeting, for location please contact Pollie at (847) 757-5261.

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Welcome back to our Emerald City Slickers, who resumed regular luncheon meetings on the second Tuesday of September. At this writing, we're still looking forward to that first gathering when President **Ken Storey** will welcome returning members and guests.

At least temporarily, the list of officers remains the same, and we thank each and every one of our volunteers for their parts in keeping the Seattle chapter of RUAEA running smoothly. **Phyllis Bowman**, as she has for many years, fulfills the role of Vice President, which includes keeping the membership records. One of our most dependable members, Phyllis also oversees publication and mailing of Contrails, the chapter's own newsletter, which is mailed (electronically to most) to every member before each meeting. **Vicki Shumaker** continues to serve as writer and editor.



**John Haferbecker** fills in as a major aide to Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen**, who suffered a stroke last spring. John knows everybody and remembers everything.

As treasurer, **Bonnie Frey** keeps us up to date on chapter finances, managing the bank account, depositing our \$10 annual local membership dues and collecting payment for luncheons. **Noreen Krawczyk**, our assistant treasurer, collects reservations and menu choices for each luncheon and relays detailed information to the restaurant. **Dolores Steger** is the gal to call to place your order. She then contacts Noreen with that information. For such an informal group, keeping the Emerald City Slickers on track requires a lot of tricky record-keeping.

**Virginia Dice** continues as Sunshine Lady while **Gay Liesse** contributes this monthly column to the newsletter you're reading now. As always with all such publications, keeping dates and scheduling straight can be a challenge.

Another of Phyllis' "duties" is to buy the wine the chapter provides as door prizes. Each luncheon attendee receives a ticket for the drawing, which also might include contributions such as candy or flowers (we're a romantic group) from members. A separate drawing is held for the 50/50 reward, which varies according to the number of tickets peddled by **Richard Devereux**, with half the proceeds going to the winner and half to the chapter treasury.

**Ed & Gay Liesse** will coordinate the 4<sup>th</sup> annual holiday food and toy drive. Flyers will be distributed at the September luncheon with donations collected at October and November meetings.

A number of Seattle retirees and family members are packing for RUAEA's national convention in Cleveland and are envied by those of us who aren't able to join the fun. We'll look forward to hearing about the big event at the October meeting. A big thank you to **Judy Storey**, who will fill in for Gay, representing the chapter at the Friday morning Correspondents' meeting. **Shirley Claggett**, treasurer, and **Ron Paluch**, registrar, are completing their respective convention responsibilities. We enjoy sharing them with the Phoenix chapter.

**Richard (Dick) Clement** was featured in an earlier Contrails "Member Highlight" column. Dick worked in the grocery business before serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and then in the reserves. He married Helen, who spent a college summer with United, in 1955. Both Dick and Helen had interesting UAL family connections before Dick hired into Ramp Service in 1958. He transferred to Air Freight when there were only 8 agents and 2 shifts, growing to 15 agents and 3 shifts during the 29 years Dick was a Senior Foreman.

Retiring after 34 years in 1988, Dick didn't stop there. He worked for a trucking firm for 7 years, followed by 14 years at Enterprise Car Rental before finally giving in to retirement at the age of 79. He and Helen have a daughter in the Seattle area and a son near Boston with their families. The Clements recently moved into a Merrill Gardens retirement community near several other local retirees.

These biographies of chapter members from different United experiences bring back memories for many and prove to be eye-openers for some. It will take months of columns to catch up with all the interviewees.

Thanks to the Cleveland and National convention committees for their planning and executing this year's RUAEA convention.

#### Calendar:

**October 9** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

**November 13** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

**December** - No meeting



#### LILAC CITY FLYERS

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

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Summer is drawing to a close and we are all looking forward to meeting again in September. As always, we will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. I will miss the September luncheon because I will be in Europe. My husband, Dan and I will be flying into Zurich and spending 14 days touring Switzerland, Italy and Germany. I am so looking forward to riding the Euro Rail through the Alps. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** and **Judy Dunlap** will be “holding down the fort” in my absence, so the chapter will be in good hands.

Our end-of-the-year celebration in June, was held at Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, it was an overwhelming success, as usual. It was a potluck, and the food was delicious and beautiful. We had two birthday cakes to celebrate our members with summer birthdays. There were two tables of United memorabilia provided predominately by our chapter historian, **Bob O’Roark** and VP **Cathy Gilbert-Silva**. There was also a display set up for a silent auction. The auction consisted of two beautiful afghans crocheted and donated by **Marie Libby** and six paintings donated and painted by our own in-house artist, **Ruth Blackwell**. The winners were announced yesterday. I was thrilled to win one of the afghans and one of the paintings. The other lucky winners were **Gunn Chensinski** (3 paintings), **Sharon Wright** (afghan), and **Sandee Eggleston** (a painting.) I am so sorry not to have any pictures to show you. All of my photos turned out dark and blurry. I think we need a chapter photographer that has a bit more skill than I.

**Angela Knight**, an opera star and retired UA employee, graciously accepted our request to sing *God Bless America* for us. Angela is also an ordained minister. Her voice is so beautiful and she is always so willing to share her gift. We hope that she will also accept our request for her to lead us in singing Christmas carols in December.

We also were very fortunate to have Keith Meurlin as our guest speaker. (Thank you **Bob O’Roark** for arranging this.). Mr. Meurlin is the current President of the Washington Airports Task Force. He retired after 28 years with the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority. He was Manager of Washington Dulles International Airport for over 16 years. His presentation was so interesting and filled with up-to-date information regarding the always busy, ever-changing Dulles Airport. We are hoping to have him as a speaker at another luncheon this year.

At this luncheon, we traditionally like to recognize the members who have given so generously of their time and talents. This year, we thanked and gave small gifts to **Cathy Gilbert-Silva**, **Judy Dunlap**, **Bob O’Roark**, **Kerry Schneider**, **Ina Ayres**, **Ruth Blackwell**, **Marie Libby**, **Cheryl MacDonald**, **Gunn Chensinski**, **T R Evenson**, and **Linda Scriven**. **Mary Beth Collins** and **Janet Klinger**, also very valuable volunteers, were unable to attend this event, so they will be recognized at our October luncheon.

**Betty Humphries** and **Becky Smarr** are our two newest members. They are both retired flight attendants who spent most of their glorious careers based in Washington, D.C. They are very welcome additions to the Dulles Loungers.

**Judy Dunlap** is recovering from hiatal hernia surgery. The recovery has been a bit more difficult than anticipated but the upside is that she is losing weight on a diet of ice cream and jello.

Our prayers go out to retired flight attendant **Patti Gregory**. Patti is attending daily classes to help her with her memory loss in her battle against Alzheimer’s. She has always been such a sweet person and that has not changed.

I would like to thank Glory Days Sports Grille and restaurant for their sponsorship for the fourth year in a row. They contribute gift certificates each month to be used as door prizes. We are very appreciative of their support.

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS



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For the last two years I've had the good fortune to write this column about Clipped Wings as the CW National Vice President. I wondered when I started with my first column what on earth I could write about every month for two whole years! Then the unexpected blessings began. In reaching out to our individual chapters seeking good news to share, I was absolutely amazed to hear about the wonderful philanthropic endeavors being undertaken by our members all around the USA. Writing this column gave me the opportunity to be in touch with our members as they very willingly shared great news about their chapters. Wow, I knew our national philanthropy was Special Olympics but had no idea of all the time, effort and caring that was also being shown in so many other creative ways.

Our new CW National Vice President and RUAEA Columnist will be **Peggy Britton Griffin** who is a very capable and wonderful member of our CW ORD Chapter. Peggy will continue sharing our CW special news. We'll still be at [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org) for membership information and will welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

Then there were even more surprise blessings. I would like to thank each of you for the many kind words and encouragement you've sent regarding my columns. You have no idea how much they were appreciated and have meant to me. It truly made my day each time I heard from one of you.

Wishing you blue skies!

Fondly, Karen

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **August 2018**:

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **August 2018**:

Kenneth R. Ahern, John G. Aivalotis, Barbara J. Andrews, Ralph W. Baggett, Marian J. Beck, Barbara Bertacini, Diane L. Brodis, Marian Bruns, Donald L. Bryant, Levita J. Burnette, Sebastiano Cali, Marge G. Caliendo, Dolores Carlson, Roland E. Cole, Antoinette B. Crandall, David A. Detwiler, John Dos Ramos, Eloise C. A. Edwards, Nancy F. Ellison, Valerie Forsberg, Carmen M. Frankiewicz, Charles Gagliano, Cathy J. Gilbert-Silva, Hiroko Hansen, Bernard Harrigan, Priscilla S. Hawes, Barbara L. Hill, Jim Hurst, Robert E. Irwin, Roberta Bobbye Jackson, Brian C. Johanson, Gordon W. Jones, Russell S. Kennedy, Gordon Kubiak, Kunio Kunisaki, Z. Garlene Lamb, Patricia A. Laria, Donald E. Lupei, Gerald M. Luxenburg, Bernie McManus, Ronald G. Miller, Daniel F. Mooney, Alfonso Morales, Tom Okada, Joe M. Onodera, Libby Perkins, Joyce Pfeiffer, Georgia E. Phillips, Edward F. Pozzi, Robert B. Reed, Norman F. Reeder, Barbara Rymarz, Donna Marie Simpson, Ronald A. Skoog, Mary Lou Sorensen, Gerard A. Springer, Charles Stahl, Alan J. Stephenson,

Suzanne Dubois Tanner, James Tokunaga, Carole E. Tye, James Wagner, Eleanor P. Walsh, Kenneth R. Walters, Jerome A. Watnemoe, Patricia C. Watson, Eldon D. Westendorf, James V. Whitney, Kenneth T. Workman, Anna Wozniak, Judith W. Wright.

## OBITUARIES

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

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

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

Spouse - **Amaral, Rose**, on 4/11/2018, wife of Herman Amaral, OAF, 27456 Orlando Ave., Hayward, CA 94545

Retiree - **Brabo, Joseph R.**, on 12/27/2017, IMCJJ, husband of Hannelore Brabo, 6334 Pergola Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46241 (*Address correction, 633 from previous entry, corrected to 6334*)

Retiree - **Brower, Herman D.**, on 5/25/2018, DTWGC, husband of Doris Brower (deceased), father of Linda, Susan, Nancy & Michael, 7923 Jennings Road, Whitmore Lake, MI 48189

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Retiree - **Connelly, Davin, T. Jr.**, on 7/3/2018, SFOFO, husband of Helen S. Connelly, 32 Rabbits Run, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

Retiree - **Fanto, James D.**, on 8/18/2018, PHLOO, husband of Barbara Ann Fanto, 11105 Valley Forge Rd., King of Prussia, PA 19406

Retiree - **Green, Jack S.**, on 8/10/2018, DENMM, husband of Oma Mae Green, 8312 Yarrow Ct., Arvada, CO 80005

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Retiree - **Jones, William Jr.**, on 8/6/2018, ORDMM, PO Box 406, Ingleside, IL 60041

Retiree - **Landrum, Emmett B.**, on 8/11/2018, SFOMM, husband of Gloria Landrum, 141 Yorkshire Ct., San Bruno, CA 94066

Retiree - **Olson, Willard L.**, on 8/7/2018, SFORQ, husband of Ethel Olson (deceased), 515 W 1<sup>st</sup> St #907, Minden, NE 68959

Retiree - **Orzolek, Kenneth A.**, on 8/11/2018, ORDMM, husband of Ursula Orzolek (deceased), 26263 W. Ivanhoe, Wauconda, IL 60084

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Retiree - **Rairigh, John W.**, on 8/8/2018, ORDMM, husband of Susan Rairigh, 1800 Portsmouth Ave., Westchester, IL 60154

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Retiree – **Suminski, Anthony J.** (Tony), on 8/10/2018, EXOKF, husband of Carol A. (nee Schmidt) Suminski, 404 Torrey Pines Dr., Twin Lakes, WI 53181

## Letters & Notes



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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

John Barlow, Barry Davidson, Margareta Eastman, Carol Estus, Valerie Forsberg, Frank Frisone, Barbara Hill, Gordon Hill, Gloria Jordan, Gordon Kubiak, Harriet Kunze, Bernie McManus, Al Morales, Joyce Pfeiffer, Ed Pozzi, Jerome Watnemore, Anna Wozniak.

### **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.)*

#### **P.S. Hawes, 1009 Dwight Ave., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019**

Greetings to all of you. Another year has passed by; I am now in my 23<sup>rd</sup> year of retirement and it is hard to believe.

Thanks for all your time and effort; it is really appreciated; you keep us informed in the website and the newsletter. Keep up the good work.

#### **Merle Kohr, 123 Shooting Star Isle, Foster City, CA 94404**

I wish to thank you for doing such a wonderful job of keeping us retirees abreast of the happenings around the UAL system.

My 38 years with UAL took me from Midway 4/10/57 to SFO to ORD and back to SFO. I retired 9/1/95. It was a good ride!

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

I turned 90 in January 2018. I retired in January 1990 after working for United Airlines Employees Credit Union HDQCU for 33 years. This was when the Credit Union was still part of United, so I was able to receive the travel benefits.

I remember flying to Hawaii about 13 times and getting First Class almost every time. I was treated like a queen. The meal service was with linens, china and real silverware. The flight attendants would roll the cart with a roast on it and stand by your seat and ask you what part of the roast you wanted her to slice for you. Then the ice cream cart would come by and they would ask you how you would like them to make your sundae.

Back then all the passengers would dress like they were going to church.

I am so happy that I worked for United during the "Good Old Days".

**Mary Lou Sorensen, 11443 W. Saratoga Pl., Littleton, CO 80127**

Thank you for the extra reminder. I don't know how I let this slip by.

It has been 2 years since Boyd died after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

I am now living with my daughter and son-in-law. I have my own area and am still teaching painting.

I just returned from a painting seminar in Eureka, CA. I have gone every year since the 70's. Life is good; I must have done something right. I miss a lot of our old United friends.

**Russell Stinnett, PO Box 21755, Keizer, OR 97307**

I enjoy reading the RUAEA newsletter.

I fly United 90% of the time and enjoy the airline.

My Mom and Dad both worked for United. Mom worked in the HQ at Midway, Chicago. Dad worked in Denver until 1984.

**David Detwiler, 284 Kelley Rd., Connellsville, PA 15425**

Hello there RUAEA; I just got my August newsletter today and there it was, the dreaded red label. It kind of snuck up on me this year.

Speaking of this year, first of all, this is my 24<sup>th</sup> year of being retired as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. This has been a difficult year for us to say the least. My wife, Gwen, got pretty sick last September and could not do much at all. In October, she checked into the hospital for a 16 day stay and while there they found four plugged arteries and a bad valve. She was sent home for a month or more to regain her strength, then on December 5<sup>th</sup>, she had open heart surgery to repair all of what had been found. After much rehab, she is now doing very well and is in great health.

I am in my 4<sup>th</sup> year of volunteering at the Flight 93 National Memorial. I am an Ambassador, which means I can work any position at the memorial. The Tower of Voices is coming along well and was dedicated September 10<sup>th</sup>. It will have 40 large wind chimes in it and I cannot wait to hear the sounds coming from it. The wreckage from the airplane has been brought back and is buried near the crash site. There was more on this in the September issue of the newsletter.

**Michael Vasko, 364 Amalfi St., Henderson, NV 89014**

I don't know if you would put something like this in the RUAEA Newspaper or not. I've been on sort of a mission to inform veterans or families of deceased veterans that were Atomic Veterans that they may be entitled to compensation. If you do put any of this in, this is what I would like in.



I am an atomic veteran. **Atomic Veterans** were members of the United States Armed Forces who participated in atmospheric and underwater nuclear weapons tests from 16 July, 1945 to 30 October 1962.

If anyone knows of an atomic veteran or the family of a deceased atomic veteran they should search "Atomic Veteran" online to get information.

You can contact me for more information at ([michaelvasko@aol.com](mailto:michaelvasko@aol.com)) and enter Atomic Veteran on the subject.



## *Notes*

### **Marilyn Evans**

I really appreciate the RUAEA newsletter, my brother James McClendon and I shared it with each other.

Thank you so much for changing the station he worked at in his obituary. I know he would have really appreciated it.

You guys keep up the good work.

### **Lawrence Kirsch**

I am volunteering at the new Aurora Veterans Hospital.

### **Toni Mascenic**

Thank you for all your hard work and keeping us up to date with everyone. I enjoy looking for names of fellow UA folk I used to work with and seeing what they are up to.

### **Joseph Pero**

I almost forgot to renew my membership.

I've been retired since 2/28/01, from OPBSK and enjoying every day of it. I'm still working part time in order to keep busy. I just returned from Chicago, visiting daughter and son-in-law who are expecting their first child (our first grandchild) in late October. We will be flying back for the birth. Good reason to visit Wrigley Ville where they are living the good life, real Cubs fans.

P.S. Thanks for all you do keeping retirees connected. It certainly is appreciated!

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<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

For Traditional Medical, HMO or Insurance questions; report death of retiree or spouse; change of address & other forms.

## **United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729, [esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

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For flight information and to list or change listing  
Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy  
\$25 fee to create new booking

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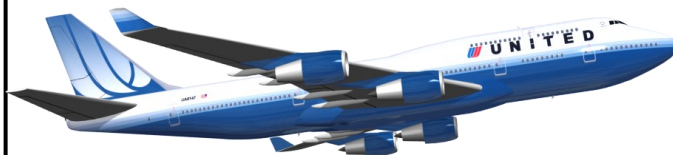
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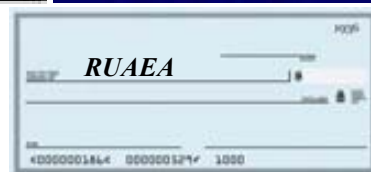
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## *(Part one of three)*

Omaha, Nebraska - March 9, 1923

From: Jack H. Knight, Pilot - Experimental Night Flying

To: Mr. J.V. Magee, - Special Assistant to the General Superintendent, Air Mail Service, Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. Magee:

After several forced landings due to a faulty motor in ship #242, I arrived in Omaha, Nebraska from Dayton, Ohio on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1923. Numerous repairs to the motor were made from February 5<sup>th</sup> until February 8<sup>th</sup>. On this date, after a test flight in Omaha, I flew the ship to North Platte, Nebraska.

At North Platte, on the night of February 8<sup>th</sup>, I made a flight of slightly over one-half hour, before being forced to land by a broken rocker arm and a "missing" motor.

The 8<sup>th</sup> was a very dark night with no horizon whatsoever. I had an excellent opportunity to test all my lights as well as my new Turn Indicator and Banking Indicator. On take-off it had been simply a matter of turning out all lights - dash lights and navigation lights - and flying the ship by "feel" until I was positive of 1000 feet altitude.

At this altitude, a slight error in judgment does not have the same embarrassing effect on the ship and pilot that it might have at 100 feet.

The ceiling on this particular evening was about 1600 feet and hazy, as well as black. Until my eyes had become accustomed to the darkness, I felt the same degree of accuracy that a person feels in a perfectly strange room which is dark and full of obstacles.

I found that it was comparatively simple to fly toward a light (on the ground) some distance away, because you could check your direction as well as balance, but it was a difficult matter to fly into pitch blackness and maintain an accurate compass course at one altitude.

After flying ten minutes North by my instruments, I flew a credible return trip by the same method., I next flew the ship from my previous altitude to about 100 feet from the ground and cut-in my Wing-tip lights., The lights carried about 3/4 mile ahead and illuminated fairly well, but the "pencil of light" had a tendency to dazzle slightly and after turning them out, had a ten-

dency to blind temporarily until my eyes became accustomed to the dark again. Regaining 1000 feet, my motor started missing badly so I came back to the field and landed OK, with one search light (landing light) burnt out. At this time there were no Boundary lights on North Platte's landing field except two burning Buckets of Gasoline to show the limits.



After taxiing up to the hangar we found the broken rocker arm, so suspended flying for the night. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, I flew #242 back to Omaha for repairs on the motor and to wait for new bulbs for landing lights and also for 10 acetylene "blinker" lights to be sent from Chicago to North Platte.

My motor and ship were fixed up in Omaha in six days. We had considerable trouble with the generator and voltage regulator. The lights for the ship finally came on February 19<sup>th</sup> and I left Omaha for North Platte that same day with mechanic Stafford as a passenger (he has been assigned to Experimental Night Flying). Over Gibbon, Nebraska a cylinder on the left bank cracked-open and I was forced to land at Kearney, Nebraska (fifteen miles further on).

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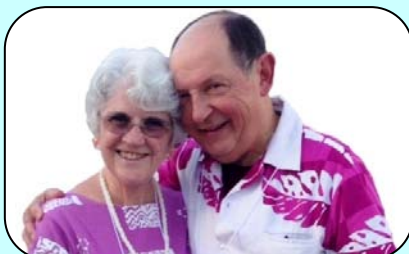
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