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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Ruth Morabito

It doesn't seem possible that we are approaching the end of 2025, but here we are. I want to wish you and your loved ones a blessed holiday season.

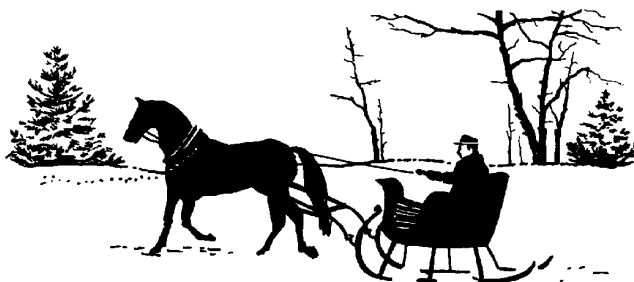
I know that there have been a few articles documenting our 2025 Reunion and I am sure you saw the fun and fellowship that occurred. I wanted to bring to your attention that we also conduct business at each Reunion, which consisted of the RUAEA Board of Directors meeting and Membership Business meeting. Both of these help set the direction for the new year and discuss RUAEA overall. During the Business meeting, all members attending are brought up to date on the activities and financial performance from the previous period.

I imagine that most are aware that our single largest challenge is declining membership, leading to a negative impact on RUAEA's financial situation. This has led the board to review and begin implementing improvements in an effort to maintain the cost of our current membership dues. The process of review has begun and changes will be shared as we finalize the information.

Also, this year we had a special opportunity to conduct a Retired Presidents Committee (RPC) meeting. This committee was developed under **Don Burbank's** tenure and has continued with quarterly meetings for information sharing. This committee is made up of RUAEA, myself as chair, Retired United Pilots Association (RUPA), Retired Association of Flight Attendants (RAFA), Association of Retired Employees of Continental Airlines (ARECA), and Clipped Wings. This committee also met with the Benefits Panel following the workshops just to touch base on any open questions we had as well as to thank them for their participation and extend an invitation to the next event.

Once again, have a wonderful holiday and stay safe.
Take care,

Ruth Morabito
RUAEA President



Letter From The Vice President - Conventions



Hi Folks,
Volunteers and Donations ~
These two entities are very important to the success of keeping RUAEA alive. All our elected positions, the Executive Board and Regular Board members are volunteers. At this point, tongue in cheek, I call them life time positions.

We have not had an election for some time now; it's mainly because no one has shown interest in any of the elected positions. Yes, all positions are now a little more complicated and time consuming; yet, if a person is interested, working along with an incumbent in the position they might be interested in is possible. Yes, we have had volunteers work the conventions in many capacities, and for that I am extremely grateful. They will always be needed to insure a successful convention. A prime example was the Flight Training Center Tour at the Denver Golden Jubilee. For this tour, we had the largest number registered for it as far back as I can remember. **Paul Goodyear** volunteered to head it up along with **Judy Schweppe** and other members of the United Airlines Historical Foundation. RUPA had three retired pilots volunteer to help with the tour. It's that type of outstanding volunteering that is needed at all conventions. **Betty Tomaino** and **Rosalie Tripicchio** from the San Diego chapter RESANS, volunteered to help coordinate the raffles and registration as they did for 3 years in San Diego. I say on behalf of RUAEA, thanks to all volunteers.

Donations is another entity that is most important to our survival. Many members renewing their membership include a donation, and for that RUAEA is very grateful. The Alliant Credit Union has made a substantial donation for several years; RUPA has also made monetary donation for the past 3 years and so did ARECA. RAFA helped out this year with Gift Certificates for a raffle. Without these donations, the Convention activities would be curtailed. On behalf of RUAEA, I again offer my gratitude, to all those organizations for their continuing support.

In closing, and as we start planning our 2026 Reunion in Houston, I know we can count on volunteers in the area and financial supports from the above organizations, for another great event.

As always, we welcome all members from RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA, Clipped Wings, and RAFA, along with their family and friends to join us.

Hank Gosselin VP Conventions RUAEA

RUAEA Reunion Benefit Panel Presentation **Denver, CO; September 30, 2025**

We would like to thank all the panel participants for a very informative meeting, which was well received and attended.

Alliant Credit Union – CEO Mike Dobbins, Malcolm

Horn, and Janet Meinheit. Alliant also shared a 50th anniversary cake with Reunion attendees.

United Digital Fraud Director – Haley McCormick with Alight Jeff Barry, Director of Investigations, and Frank Huber, Sr. Investigator, Global Security.

United Employee Travel Policy and Procedures – Doug Edmunds.

Health & Welfare - Dan Dentzer, Mgr. and Bob Schumacher with Alight Retiree Solutions.

Single? You Still Need an Estate Plan **By Malcolm Horn, CFP®**



Many people think estate planning is only for families or the ultra-wealthy. But estate planning is just as important for singles or couples without children. Without an estate plan that reflects your wishes, the state will make decisions about the distribution of your assets — excluding any extended family, friends or organizations you may wish to receive your assets once you've passed. It's also important to have a plan in place to help you pay for long-term care if you (and your partner) are incapacitated.

You may first want to talk with a financial professional about your financial plan to get a better idea how much your estate could be worth throughout your retirement. Then you want to choose a representative or a trustee for your estate, someone you can trust to carry out your wishes and handle financial matters. Be sure to discuss this with the person you'd like to entrust and have a contingency person as well.

Your estate plan should include:

- Your will
- A living trust
- Financial power of attorney
- Living will
- Health power of attorney

Talk with a financial planner about the wishes for your assets and find a representative you can trust to help ensure your assets are used A, to take care of you if you are incapacitated and B, are passed on to the people and organizations you may want to support.

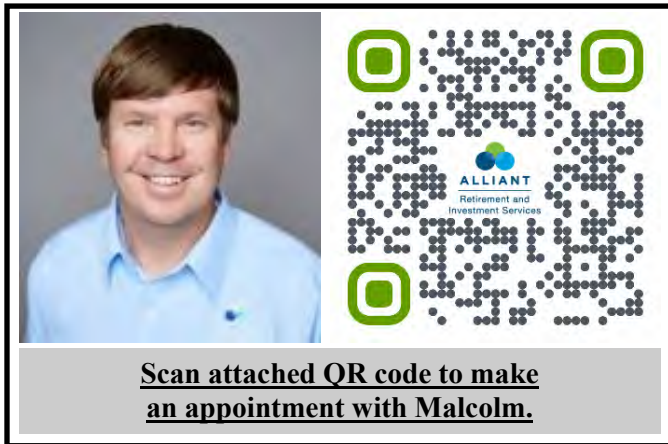
Do you have questions about your wealth transfer plan? Give me or my team a call – our contact info can be found at aris.alliantcreditunion.com.

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Scan attached QR code to make an appointment with Malcolm.

My Employee Travel Management (myETM)

The new My Employee Travel Management (myETM) tool was launched on Monday, 10/27. It is the new tool that was presented at the RUAEA 2025 Reunion in Denver. Attendees at the Reunion got a sneak preview of this tool.

Refresher: What is myETM? myETM is our updated employee profile tool that combines the non-booking features of employeeRES with everything from the Dependent Management System, all in one easy-to-use tool. No more having to guess where to link your MileagePlus account number or which system to use to register a pass rider. Those, and many other features, will be in one tool. There will be no impact on how employees/retirees book trips using the United mobile app or employeeRES.

It's important to know that we have migrated all pass rider data, including vacation passes, MileagePlus accounts, Known Traveler and Redress numbers, saved form of payments and contact information details, so there is no action for them to take.

Resources: Link to how to videos and PDFs: <https://ft.ual.com/travel/myetm>

If a retiree has a question on pass travel, they should be referred to open a Help Hub Ticket or if urgent assistance is needed, the retiree can chat live with an agent by clicking on the "Travel questions?" bubble in the lower-right-hand corner of the Travel home page (<https://ft.ual.com/travel>). Live chat is available 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. CT Monday - Friday and 8 a.m. - noon on weekends.



An Update on the Government Shutdown from Scott Kirby to United Employees **November 5, 2025**



United team:

Earlier today, the FAA and DOT directed every airline to reduce their schedules during the government shutdown, across 40 domestic airports.

The FAA's goal is to relieve pressure on the aviation system so that we can all continue to operate safely. That is the FAA's highest priority, and ours as well. No matter what environment we're operating in, we will not compromise on safety.

These reductions will start on Friday, November 7, and we will continue to make rolling updates to our schedule as the government shutdown continues so we can give our customers several days' advance notice and to minimize disruption for them and for all of you.

United's long-haul international flying and our hub-to-hub flying will not be impacted by this schedule reduction direction from the FAA. That's important to maintain the integrity of our network, give impacted customers as many options as possible to resume their trip, and sustain our crew pairing systems.

Instead, we will focus our schedule reductions on regional flying and domestic mainline flights that do not travel between our hubs.

We'll use our app, website and push notifications to communicate to customers directly if their flight changes, and to offer rebooking options. We want to provide them with as much information as we can and in a way that's simple and easy to understand.

And importantly, any customer traveling during this period is eligible for a refund if they do not wish to fly – even if their flight isn't impacted. That includes non-refundable tickets and those customers with basic economy tickets.

Even with these schedule reductions, United and its United Express partners will still offer about 4,000 flights per day to fly our customers to their destinations. And because of the early November timing, our flights have more seats available than before the summer, meaning we should be able to find seats for many customers even if their flight is canceled.

Finally, thank you for going above and beyond during this government shutdown to take care of our customers and one another. Your professionalism and care will be more important than ever in the days ahead.

United Airlines Launches MileagePlus Debit Rewards Card that Earns Miles for Spending and Saving **November 4, 2025**

United Airlines today announced a new MileagePlus® Debit Rewards Card that offers cardmembers additional ways to earn miles through spending and saving – designed

to make flying the world's largest airline* even more rewarding.

As part of the launch, for a limited time, new MileagePlus® Debit Rewards cardmembers can earn a 10,000-mile bonus after approval and making qualifying purchases.** Powered by Galileo, SoFi's Tech Platform, the new Visa debit card combines the convenience of debit payments with the benefits of MileagePlus. Miles may be earned on dining, retail, groceries and more, with additional miles earned on United purchases such as flights, bags, onboard snacks, and more.

"We're constantly looking for new ways to add value and optionality for our members, and a debit card is a natural next step," said Bob Daly, United's Managing Director of Global Co-Brand Cards. *"The United MileagePlus Debit Rewards Card offers customers an additional way to earn miles whether they're spending on United flights and everyday purchases or saving and making plans for the future."*

"We're proud to partner with United to bring this innovative debit rewards card to market," said Bill Kennedy, Interim CEO and CFO of Galileo Financial Technologies. *"It's a great example of how leading brands can use Galileo's modern platform to move quickly, meet customer demand, and create differentiated loyalty experiences."*

Benefits for Cardmembers ~ For travelers looking to earn through saving and spending, the United MileagePlus Debit Rewards Card gives them the flexibility to do both.

- ▲ **Limited-time Launch Offer:** Earn 10,000 bonus miles when you open an account and spend \$500 within the first four months of card membership.**
- ▲ **Everyday Earning:** Earn one mile per \$1 spent on United purchases and earn one mile per \$2 spent on all other eligible purchases - designed specifically for MileagePlus members who value travel rewards.**
- ▲ **2,500-Mile Annual Bonus:** Earn 2,500 bonus miles each calendar year after you spend \$10,000 with your debit card.**
- ▲ **Waived Monthly Fee:** No monthly fee for average daily account balances of \$2,000 or more. A \$4 monthly fee will apply for accounts with balances under \$2,000.**
- ▲ **Built-In Card Controls:** Conveniently lock or unlock your card and set spending limits.
- ▲ **Easily Track Miles:** Watch your rewards grow with every eligible purchase.
- ▲ **Earn Miles by Saving:** MileagePlus members can earn additional miles based on qualifying account balances, reinforcing this card's role as an extension of the MileagePlus loyalty program rather than just a traditional debit account. See below for a full breakdown of the annual miles that can be earned based on a cardmember's average daily account balance.**

MileagePlus Program Benefits ~ MileagePlus is free to join and was rated the world's best airline loyalty program.*** It offers benefits including miles that never expire, no blackout dates, ticket purchasing with miles or a combination of miles and cash, no change fees on flight

award tickets, miles pooling allowing travelers to combine their miles in a joint account and more.

Additional Details on Card Benefits and Terms ~ Designed for MileagePlus members who prefer the control and ease of a debit card without sacrificing travel rewards – the United MileagePlus Debit Rewards Card is available to eligible program members and doesn't require a credit check so applying will not impact your credit score.

Average Daily Balance	Annualized Bonus Miles (You earn 1/12 each	Monthly Fee
	N/A	\$4
\$2,000 to \$2,499	N/A	Waived
\$2,500 to \$4,999.99	2,500	Waived
\$5,000 to \$9,999.99	5,000	Waived
\$10,000 to \$24,999.99	15,000	Waived
\$25,000 to \$49,999.99	30,000	Waived
\$50,000+	70,000	Waived

This new payment product reflects United's ongoing commitment to loyalty innovation that brings value to every member, and was developed in collaboration with Galileo Financial Technologies, SoFi's Technology Platform. The card is issued by Sunrise Banks, N.A. and is backed by Visa as the payments network. Funds are FDIC insured up to \$250,000 through Sunrise Banks, N.A. Member FDIC

For more information on the card and its benefits, including how to open an account, visit UnitedDebitRewards.com.

*As measured by available seat miles

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***Study conducted by Good Travel Management

United Airlines Continues to Win Brand-Loyal Customers as Q3 Profit and Q4 Outlook Both Exceed Wall Street Expectations **October 15, 2025**

United Airlines (UAL) today reported a third-quarter profit ahead of Wall Street expectations. The company had third-quarter pre-tax earnings of \$1.3 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 8.2% and adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$1.2 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 8.0%. The company also achieved diluted earnings per share of \$2.90 and adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$2.78, compared to guidance of \$2.25 to \$2.75. Total operating revenue grew 2.6% year-over-year to \$15.2 billion.

These financial results show how the airline has thrived in an economically volatile year thanks to brand-loyal customers who choose to fly United because of the value in the United experience. United continued to benefit from diverse revenue sources during the quarter. In the third quarter, premium cabin revenue rose 6% year-over-year; revenue from Basic Economy rose 4% year-over-year; cargo

revenue rose 3% year-over-year and loyalty revenue rose 9% year-over-year. This great momentum has continued so far in the fourth quarter and we expect the fourth quarter of 2025 to have the highest total operating revenue for a single quarter in company history.

“We’ve invested in customers at every price point: Seatback screens, an industry-leading mobile app, extra legroom, a lie-flat United Polaris seat, and fast, free, reliable Starlink on every plane by 2027. Our customers value the United experience, making them increasingly loyal to United,” CEO Scott Kirby said. *“Those investments over almost a decade, combined with great service from our people, have allowed United to win and retain brand-loyal customers, leading to economic resilience even with macro economic volatility through the first three quarters of the year and significant upside as the economy and demand are improving in the fourth quarter.”*

United continues to make significant investments in winning brand-loyal customers, including more than \$1 billion planned on enhancements including Starlink installations, seatback screens, and 25% more on food. Over half of the United narrowbody fleet now has its signature interior and seatback screens, leading to a 15-point increase in customer satisfaction with the inflight entertainment system since third quarter 2022. United plans to invest an additional \$1 billion in the customer experience in 2026.

United’s reliable operation is also benefiting customers and building brand loyalty. United had its highest third-quarter completion factor, carried more than 48 million customers, the most-ever during a quarter, and flew its largest daily mainline schedule with 2,940 daily flights carrying more than 427,000 passengers a day. Six of United’s seven hubs ranked first or second for on-time departures. Reliability continues to be a focus — customers who arrive on time are more than three times as likely to recommend United as compared to customers whose flights are delayed.

United’s network strength is another reason it is winning customer preference. Last week it announced summer 2026 flights to Split, Croatia; Glasgow, Scotland; Santiago de Compostela, Spain; and Bari, Italy, while also bringing back all six new Atlantic destinations from its summer 2025 international expansion. United is the largest carrier across the Atlantic, with service to 46 cities planned for 2026.

“Customers are increasingly choosing an airline that can deliver value for them across the full travel experience, from Basic Economy to United Polaris,” Kirby said. *“We are well-positioned to be the airline those brand-loyal customers choose to fly them across the U.S. and around the world.”*

Third-Quarter Financial Results:

- ▲ Capacity up 7.2% compared to third-quarter 2024.
- ▲ Total operating revenue of \$15.2 billion, up 2.6% compared to third-quarter 2024.
- ▲ TRASM down (4.3%) compared to third-quarter 2024.
- ▲ CASM down (2.8%), and CASM-ex down (0.9%), compared to third-quarter 2024; 1 point of expense moved from third-quarter 2025 to fourth-quarter 2025 primarily driven by maintenance and a reduc-

tion of 1 point of labor expense due to the timing of certain union contracts.

- ▲ Pre-tax earnings of \$1.3 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 8.2%; adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$1.2 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 8.0%.
- ▲ Net income of \$0.9 billion; adjusted net income of \$0.9 billion.
- ▲ Diluted earnings per share of \$2.90; adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$2.78.
- ▲ Average fuel price per gallon of \$2.43.
- ▲ Ending available liquidity of \$16.3 billion.
- ▲ Total debt, finance lease obligations and other financial liabilities of \$25.4 billion at quarter end.
- ▲ Prepaid the remaining \$1.5 billion balance of the MileagePlus bonds, resulting in full repayment of all debt secured by the MileagePlus business.
- ▲ Trailing twelve months net leverage of 2.1x.
- ▲ Repurchased \$19 million of shares in the third quarter 2025, and have repurchased approximately \$612 million of shares year-to-date as of September 30, 2025.

Key Highlights:

- Operated the largest daily mainline schedule flown in a quarter, carrying over 48 million customers, a daily average of 427,000 mainline customers on 2,940 daily mainline flights. This included flying the largest international schedule in United’s history, with more than 400 roundtrips per day to a total of 142 destinations.
- Launched a collaboration with Apple TV, bringing the streaming service’s most popular series to customers for free on 130,000+ seatback screens.
- United has updated more than half of its narrowbody fleet with its signature interior and seatback screens, leading to a 15-point increase in customer satisfaction with the inflight entertainment system since third quarter 2022.
- Achieved the highest customer satisfaction rate for a third quarter since 2022 across key customer experience drivers, having invested \$85 million in the food and beverage program with another \$45 million allotted next year.
- Announced the airline will resume flights to Tel Aviv from Chicago O’Hare and Washington Dulles for the first time since 2023, with flights scheduled to begin in early November.
- Received FAA certification on the airline’s first mainline Starlink-equipped aircraft, operating the first Starlink-equipped commercial flight earlier today. Access to Starlink will be free for all MileagePlus customers and includes game-changing inflight entertainment experiences like streaming services, shopping, gaming and more. Membership to MileagePlus is also free and people can sign-up now at united.com/starlink.

Customer Experience:

- ❖ Connection Saver saved 290,000 potential missed customer connections, the highest for a third quarter in the company’s history.

- ❖ United launched TSA PreCheck Touchless ID at its Denver and Newark hubs, bringing a more seamless customer experience to 12 airports total.
- ❖ With a \$9 million investment in digital check-in and curbside processes over the last year, nearly half of passengers flown in the quarter bypassed the lobby for a more efficient travel experience, with 85% of customers using digital check-in and the airline achieving the highest ever curbside utilization for a quarter.
- ❖ Opened the airline's fourth United Club location at its Denver hub, a two-story, 33,000 square-foot space for customers to relax and recharge during the travel journey.
- ❖ Announced the opening of the United Globe Club at Capital One Arena this fall in collaboration with Monumental Sports and Entertainment, a 24,000 square-foot lounge that offers spectators a VIP experience.

Operations:

- ★ United's Newark hub achieved its best operational performance for a summer in the airline's history, and the FAA finalized its order capping flight operations to 72 operations per hour through October of 2026.
- ★ Began operating out of four additional gates at Chicago O'Hare in October, with a fifth gate expected to begin operating later in October. The gates were assigned to United by the City of Chicago and Chicago Department of Aviation's re-determination process which is based on operations at the airport.
- ★ Achieved the airline's highest third-quarter completion rate in company history.
- ★ United Express achieved 43 days with a 100% completion rate, setting a company record for the most days of perfect completion for the year to date at 923.
- ★ Broke ground on a new, state of the art catering facility at the airline's Houston hub, that will use automated technology to streamline meal assembly and improve preparation time.

Network:

- ▲ Announced additional flights to 15 U.S. cities in United's winter schedule, including two new routes from Newark to Columbia, South Carolina and Chattanooga, Tennessee and increased daily flying to popular warm-weather destinations like Orlando, Florida; Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and Las Vegas, Nevada.
- ▲ United expanded both its international and domestic networks, including Denver to Columbia, Missouri; Watertown, South Dakota; and Pierre, South Dakota; Chicago to Columbia, Missouri and Lafayette, Indiana; and Tokyo-Narita to Kaohsiung.
- ▲ Added 24 nonstop flights to fly college football fans to games this fall.
- ▲ Announced the launch of a codeshare program with ITA Airways, giving customers access to booking one-way tickets to more Italian destinations.

Employees, Communities and Investments:

- In the company's fifth annual September of Service, United partnered with Rise Against Hunger to host more than 20 meal packaging events throughout the system, with more than 3,500 employees volunteering over 11,000 hours throughout the month to package more than 497,000 meals.
- United supported the transport of over 117 responders to recovery efforts at 11 disaster relief events in partnership with Airlink, transporting over 221,000 pounds of cargo in support of 25 non-profit organizations to aid over 644,000 around the world. In total, United transported the most cargo for a third quarter in company history, at 9.5 million pounds of medical shipments and 262,000 pounds of military shipments.
- Committed \$250,000 in funding to 24 schools impacted by California wildfires earlier this year.
- Hosted 18 events in honor of Girls in Aviation Day to educate young girls on future possibilities in aviation.
- Strengthened United's early career pipeline, launching a Campus Ambassador Program at select universities this fall to recruit future talent.
- United Airlines Ventures announced its investment in supersonic aircraft startup Astro Mechanica.

Awards:

- United was recognized as a leading employer in Newsweek's 2026 list of America's Most Admired Workplaces, America's Greatest Workplaces for Parents and Families and America's Greatest Companies, and Forbes' 2025 list of Best Employers for Women.
- Chief Executive Officer Scott Kirby received APEX International's Lifetime Achievement award for his continued leadership in reimagining the customer journey.
- United Chief Financial Officer Mike Leskinen was named a Notable Leader in Finance by Crain's Chicago Business for his strategic foresight and transformative impact on the industry.

United Schedules First Starlink-Equipped Mainline Flight for Take Off October 14, 2025

United will make history tomorrow at 8 a.m. ET when United flight 2940 takes off from Newark/New York to Houston, marking the first time a major U.S. airline has offered Starlink Wi-Fi on a mainline flight with connectivity across both personal devices and inflight entertainment screens. The airline expects to install Starlink on up to 15 mainline 737-800 planes each month; more than half of United's regional fleet already offers Starlink. By the end of the year, the airline expects to have an additional aircraft type certified to offer Starlink.

More than 170 customers onboard the Boeing 737-800 will enjoy the same kind of high-speed, low-latency internet experience they have at home, unlocking experiences like

live TV and streaming services, shopping, gaming and more. On October 15, the Starlink-equipped mainline aircraft is also expected to fly from Houston (IAH) to Fort Lauderdale (FLL) on flight 365 and Fort Lauderdale (FLL) to Houston (IAH) on flight 445 where it will end the day in Houston.

United will install two Starlink antennas on each 737-800 aircraft. The airline is set to install nearly 2,940 antennas across its entire fleet – the flight number for the first customer flight.

Starlink Wi-Fi is free for United MileagePlus® members, and customers will receive a notification before their flight if it's equipped with Starlink.

“We’re committed to raising the bar when it comes to the onboard experience, and with Starlink, we’re changing how people fly,” said David Kinzelman, United’s Chief Customer Officer. *“Whether it’s catching a live game, streaming an award show or working, United customers won’t miss a beat when they’re onboard a Starlink-equipped flight.”*

United’s Starlink is breaking the Wi-Fi barrier, and the new service unlocks a new way to travel with experiences like:

- ▲ **Live streaming:** Whether you catch a live sports event, watch a favorite movie or show and more, passengers can access their personal streaming services without buffering, lag or need to download in advance.
- ▲ **Real-time work collaboration:** Download/upload files, share and edit documents, and stay in sync with your team in real-time.
- ▲ **Gaming at 30,000 feet:** Pick up where you left off and play live games and follow along on live gaming streaming services.
- ▲ **Seamless shopping:** Stay connected online, schedule grocery delivery and make restaurant and travel reservations all from the comfort of your seat.
- ▲ **Connect multiple devices at once:** Customers will be able to access Starlink on all devices at once, like their seatback screen, phone, tablet, computer and more.

United’s first Starlink-equipped regional flight took place on a regional jet in May 2025, and the airline now has Starlink installed on more than half of the aircraft in its regional fleet. Initial customer scores on those flights have been noteworthy with 90% of customers appreciating the ability to stream onboard with Starlink’s high-speed, easy-to-use and consistent connection.

The rollout of Starlink across United’s fleet aligns with the airline’s plans to have 300,000+ seatback screens across its fleet – more than any other U.S. airline – as it takes delivery of hundreds of new airplanes and retrofits existing aircraft. Over the last several years, United has invested billions of dollars in enhancing the customer experience, and by providing more value for customers, the airline aims to earn stronger brand loyalty.

United Adds Flights to New Cities in Croatia, Italy, Scotland and Spain next Summer **October 9, 2025**

United Airlines today announced its Summer 2026 schedule with service to four new cities across Croatia, Italy, Scotland and Spain – leading the way with the most destinations across the Atlantic than any U.S. carrier.

In Summer 2026, United will be the only U.S. airline to launch nonstop flights to four new destinations from its hub in Newark/New York to Split, Croatia; Bari, Italy; Glasgow, Scotland and Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The airline is also adding its first service between Washington-Dulles and Reykjavik, Iceland, as a new nonstop year-round daily service from Newark/New York to Seoul, South Korea, and four additional weekly flights, for 18 total weekly flights, between Newark/New York and Tel Aviv, Israel.

“United has an unmatched international network, and we pride ourselves on connecting our customers to unique, trendsetting destinations no other U.S. airline serves,” said Patrick Quayle, Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances. *“With the addition of these new flights and the return of all of our new routes from last year, United now flies to 46 cities across the Atlantic - more than any other airline - and is the clear flag carrier of the U.S.”*

As the leader in service from the U.S. to international destinations across the globe, United is continuing that momentum by offering nearly 3,000 weekly international roundtrips in Summer 2026. In addition to United’s new Summer 2026 destinations, United will continue to serve all nine destinations from its largest expansion ever last summer including seasonal service to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; Nuuk, Greenland; Palermo, Italy; Bilbao, Spain; Madeira Island, Portugal; Faro, Portugal; and continue year-round service from Dakar, Senegal; Puerto Escondido, Mexico, and Kaohsiung. With United’s Summer 2026 schedule, the new and returning destinations offer a variety of landscapes and experiences for customers to choose from – whether they want to relax on a coastal beach, explore glacial landscapes, feed off the energy of vibrant cities or walk around historic towns, museums and architecture. Across the globe, United will offer more than 850 daily flights to and from over 150 international destinations – including 41 that no other U.S. airline serves – next year.

All new flights are subject to government approval and will be available for sale on United.com and on the United app today.

Split, Croatia ~ United will launch its new summer routes with the only nonstop service between Split and the United States beginning April 30. Split offers travelers the ability to explore historic sites like the ancient Roman Diocletian’s Palace, the Cathedral of Saint Dominus – one of the oldest in the world – while also mixing adventure from Split’s promenade and harbor. The palm-lined Riva promenade offers entertainment and restaurants with Mediterranean staples like fresh-caught fish, octopus, and risotto, while the harbor gives travelers the chance to explore, sail and even adventure to many Dalmatian Islands, like Hvar, for a day trip.

United will be the only airline to fly from the U.S. to Split and is currently the only airline offering direct flights to Croatia with its seasonal service from Newark/New York to Dubrovnik. Flights will operate three times a week on a Boeing 767-300ER aircraft.

Bari, Italy ~ United will be the only U.S. airline offering nonstop service between Bari and the United States beginning May 1. The new flight will serve as a gateway to the Puglia region from Newark/New York, offering travelers the chance to explore the area's beautiful hilltop towns, turquoise beaches of the Adriatic Sea, historic Old Town and the iconic Trulli buildings.

The new service to Bari will operate four times a week on a Boeing 767-300ER aircraft. With one of the largest ports on the Adriatic Sea, travelers can also connect from Bari by boat to Albania, Croatia, Greece and more.

United will offer up to 15 flights per day to Italy across six destinations next summer, with the only U.S. airline service to Palermo and Bari.

Glasgow, Scotland ~ United will be the only U.S. airline offering nonstop service between the United States and Glasgow, Scotland's largest city known for its world-class museums, iconic architecture and historic pubs. Voted by Conde Nast Traveler as 2025's Friendliest UK City, travelers can choose from strolling through over 90 parks and gardens, visiting one of a dozen museums like the Kelvin-grove Art Gallery and Museum – one of the UK's most visited, or enjoying one of the many music events the city hosts weekly as a recognized UNESCO City of Music member since 2008.

The daily seasonal service from Newark/New York will begin on May 8 and provide an easy nonstop connection on a Boeing 737-MAX8 aircraft for U.S. travelers who wish to explore the city, conduct business or reconnect with family and friends. United also serves Edinburgh year-round and is the largest carrier between the United States and Scotland.

Santiago de Compostela, Spain ~ With three times weekly seasonal service from Newark/New York starting May 22, United will be the only carrier to offer nonstop service between the U.S. and Santiago de Compostela – the capital of the Galicia region in Spain. Located near Spain's northwest coast, the area has a rich history with stunning cathedrals, Medieval architecture and is the endpoint of the famous Camino de Santiago pilgrimage.

This will be the first regularly scheduled service between the U.S. and Santiago de Compostela, making it more accessible than ever for American travelers to explore or visit loved ones. The flight will operate on a Boeing 737-MAX8 aircraft. With this new flight, United now flies to six destinations in Spain including Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga, Palma de Mallorca and Bilbao, and is the only airline to fly nonstop to Bilbao, Malaga and Palma de Mallorca from the U.S.

Reykjavik, Iceland ~ Beginning May 21, United will offer daily service between Reykjavik and Washington Dulles, building on the airline's existing service from Chicago O'Hare and Newark/New York. The daily flight will operate on a Boeing 757-200, making United the only airline to

offer lie-flat business class seats between the two capital cities, giving travelers more choices for comfort.

The new flight brings U.S. travelers more ways to connect to and see the destination's natural beauty like the world-famous Blue Lagoon, Midnight Sun or Northern Lights, Icelandic landscapes, black sand beaches and more. Since 2019, United has now added flights to nine transatlantic destinations from Washington-Dulles, with Reykjavik joining this year's most recent additions of year-round service to Dakar and seasonal service to Venice and Nice.

Seoul, South Korea ~ Next summer, United will be the only U.S. airline offering nonstop flights between Newark/New York and South Korea. With convenient options from both U.S. coasts to Seoul, travelers can experience thousands of cuisines at the vibrant Gwangjang Market, catch K-pop concerts and musical performances, try the most-talked about Korean beauty and wellness treatments, and so much more.

The daily flights from Newark/New York begin September 4 on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner and build on United's existing twice-daily flights from San Francisco.

Tel Aviv, Israel ~ On March 28, United will add a third flight to Tel Aviv from Newark/New York operating on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. The four times weekly service builds on the existing double daily Newark-Tel Aviv, four times weekly Chicago O'Hare-Tel Aviv, and three times weekly Washington Dulles-Tel Aviv service the airline already offers – providing more travel options for customers and reinforcing United's position as the largest U.S. carrier to Israel.

United has flown more flights to Tel Aviv this year than any other U.S. airline and will be the only airline operating flights between Tel Aviv and both Chicago and Washington D.C. when they begin in early November.

Destinations Return from Historic Expansion ~ After a successful summer, United is thrilled to be bringing back all nine destinations from its historic Summer 2025 expansion – the largest in the airline's history. These routes will resume on:

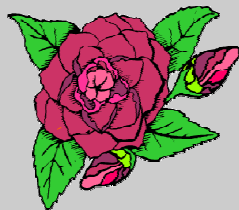
- ▲ Ulaanbaatar: April 30, 2026
- ▲ Faro: May 15, 2026
- ▲ Madeira Island: May 16, 2026 (three weeks earlier than in 2025)
- ▲ Palermo: May 22, 2026
- ▲ Bilbao: May 30, 2026
- ▲ Nuuk: June 6, 2026 (one week earlier than in 2025)
- ▲ Kaohsiung: Operating year-round service
- ▲ Dakar: Operating year-round service
- ▲ Puerto Escondido: Operating year-round service

As of August 2025, United set a new record for the most passengers it has carried to Italy, Spain and Portugal at nearly 1.5 million, 11% more than last year. The inaugural flight to Nuuk, Greenland was the fastest selling inaugural in United Airlines history. ■



LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



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

ARIZONA



PHOENIX RE-UNITED

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Thank you all who sent me kind messages to encourage me to continue as our chapter social representative. I appreciate hearing from you all. We had a good meal in October at The Hub. There were eight attendees, and all voted to dine there again. I enjoyed your presence. We also have a new member to join our group, **Merrill Liebensberger**. I know you will make yourself known to him. He worked at PHX.

Thanks to all who were able to make our luncheon on November 5, I loved seeing you all. The restaurant, The Longhorn, was not one we had been to before. It was a lively place for lunch; the food portions were generous and good, felt by most and a place to return to in the future. They offer a special lunch menu which is a little less expensive than evening dining. Let's thank Mitch for this restaurant and his planning. I want to fill you in on the upcoming breakfast in November. First of all, please be aware that it is a week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Broken Yolk Cafe at 2034 E. Southern Ave., Mesa 85204, time 9:00AM, Friday, November 21st. It is located on the north side of Southern and just east of Gilbert Rd. It's on the same lot as a Target store in case you see that first. Secondly, please remember your name ID is requested for breakfast and lunch, otherwise you have to buy everyone's meal, or you can pay \$1 instead, your choice. As a reminder, December's lunch is at the Brio restaurant and **JoAnn Griffin** will collect a payment at our breakfast on November 21st; and the 2026 membership if you wish. See note from JoAnn below.

The reason we need to know the number of attendees for any event is so that the restaurant can set up tables to accom-

modate our group size and their work staff. If you RSVP and realize you cannot attend, please communicate with me on this matter. The reason is not necessary; it's just a matter of the numbers. We would appreciate your courtesy. Thank you.

From **JoAnn Griffin** ~ Since summer is finally over, it's almost time for all of us snowbirds to come back to Phoenix. The Holiday Season is fast approaching so after much discussion and thought, we would like to let everyone know we have reserved a luncheon for our Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 3 at Brio's Italian Grill in San Tan Village in Gilbert for current members. Our reservation time is from 11am-2pm. The cost will be \$37 per person for current members which includes tax and tip. If you would like to bring a non-member guest, their cost will be \$47. The luncheon includes choice of soup or salad, Lobster bisque or Caesar salad and choice of 4 different entrees: Fettuccine Alfredo - Vegetarian Option or Pasta Brio or Chicken Limone with Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Broccolini® or Grilled Pork Chop with Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Broccolini. Also included is fresh sourdough bread, caramel mascarpone cheesecake for dessert and unlimited soft drinks, tea or coffee. A cash bar will be available, too. We have a semi private room so we will be able to have our white elephant gift exchange game. Bring a wrapped Christmas gift and get a gift. We need to guarantee a minimum of 20 guests to a max of 35 for the luncheon, so please let us know if you plan to attend. We have to give the restaurant a final count at least a week in advance, by November 26. So please text, call or let any of the board members know if you are coming. If anyone has any other questions please call, email or text us at (815) 404-7979 or (608) 613-0090; jjgriffual@gmail.com or jjgriffual@yahoo.com. Payment is due no later than Dec 1, 2025. You can bring a check or cash to the November 21 breakfast or mail your check to: **John Griffin**, 759 S. 76th Place, Mesa AZ 85208 (please make your check payable to our treasurer, **John Griffin**, not ReUniteds). We'd like to thank **Mitch Golding** for his efforts in making the arrangements for the luncheon.



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

CALIFORNIA



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We had a discussion concerning our Christmas get-together. It will be held at Kalico Restaurant in Chico on Wednesday, December 10th. **Sharon Simonton** will work on the details at the restaurant. It was decided not to have the gift exchange this year but Sharon is going to look for some entertainment to enjoy during our Christmas luncheon.



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As you know, we do not have a secretary/correspondent and the prospect of getting one is not looking good but we are still a RUAEA Chapter.

We want to invite any active / retired airline employee living on The Central Coast (Pismo Beach, North & South) to one of our luncheons which are held the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 at various local restaurants. We meet every other month, February, April, June, August, October, and December. If you are interested or if you happen to visit our area and would like to join us at one of our lunch dates, please contact **Mike Zoldak** at (805) 473-2908 or E-Mail: zoldak1@msn.com for further details. Happy Holidays!



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Happy Holidays to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on November 7, it's another beautiful

fall day, this time with a still-comfortable high of 70. If this sounds familiar, it is. It's exactly what I wrote a month ago for the November newsletter! I have been in the midst of a huge weeding project, on and off, since June, with mild weather making weeding a lot more bearable. My entire front and back yards were totally covered in foxtails, a very nasty and dangerous weed with thorns shaped like shuttlecocks. You cannot pull them out from the top. They need to be removed from underneath. If they get in your clothes, it means turning the garment inside out to pull it out. Worst case scenario is when the thorn gets embedded in the skin of a human or pet. They often need to be removed surgically—from ears, eyes, and paws - and can cause blindness, deafness, and even death when they stay in for too long and get infected. I know all the California readers are familiar with foxtails and have many stories to tell about these weeds. I have been using a hand rake and a planting fork to pull up the weeds, inch by inch, by the roots. Then I need to apply pre-emergent to stop the seeds from germinating and coming up again in the spring. I can tell you that pre-emergent works, because I didn't do it last fall and now I'm paying the price. I have had good luck with Preen but the trick is to water it in by hand when it's not going to rain for several days.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand. If you are going to attend, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord. We like the Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. The Lazy Dog has been our other "go to" restaurant for over a year. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting which is at a member's home. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served around 12:15.

Our November meeting was held on November 3 at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 15 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest **Carla, Nancy Boyle, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Russ & Glenda Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather, Dee Moreci, Carol Parks, Russ Schleske** and **Jan Soderstrom**. **Russ Kennedy** graciously picked up **Tom Johnson** at his board and care home so he could attend. Thank you Russ! We missed **Barb Cunningham** who was not feeling well. Please keep Barb in your thoughts and prayers as she is dealing with several health issues at this time.

President **Russ Kennedy** started our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. At every meeting, we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. **Russ Schleske** ran the raffle; **Tracey Blanchard** and **Diane Griego** won the money. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring - wine, candy, candles, holiday themed towels and potholders, a United drink glass, you name it.

If you hate to rake leaves, I have great news for you. You don't have to do it! It's actually better for your garden, and many critters, to leave them on the ground. Many years

ago, the National Wildlife Federation designated October as Leave the Leaves Month to increase awareness of the importance of the fallen leaf layer in gardens. Instead of raking up leaves and disposing of them in green waste, NWF encourages gardeners to either compost the leaves, or leave them on the ground to create a winter habitat for backyard wildlife.

When yard waste goes to a landfill, the leaves, sticks, and even wildlife in the bags will get trapped under other trash including plastics. This forces them to break down without oxygen. This process generates methane, a greenhouse gas 28 times as potent as CO₂. However, when leaves break down in your garden beds or a home compost pile, methane generation is avoided by providing oxygen to decomposing leaves.

Moths and Butterflies ~ A new study shows that when you dispose of your leaves, you're also throwing away about 45% of your spring butterfly and moth populations! Many butterflies and moths use the fallen leaf layer as cover over the winter. Some overwinter as chrysalises or cocoons. These cocoons, wrapped in silk and disguised as scraps of leaf or bark, blend so well into the leaf layer that even the sharpest eyes can miss them.

Fireflies ~ When you throw your leaves away, you are throwing fireflies away! These fascinating critters start their lives as larva called "glowworms." In this stage, many species of fireflies spend their days in the damp layer of leaves and logs on the ground. This larval stage can last up to a few years for some firefly species, so keeping the leaves in your garden is critical to seeing more fireflies in the years to come!

Roly Polies ~ Kids across the country love seeing these little isopods roll up. These amazing creatures are decomposers. They eat the fallen leaves and turn them into natural fertilizer for your garden. The damp environment of the leaf layer is perfect for them since they breathe using gills. This is because they're not insects at all, but terrestrial crustaceans! The leaf layer is also home to many other insects and invertebrates. Many are decomposers, turning the leaves into fertilizer. They're also food for other wildlife like birds, frogs, and fireflies.

Salamanders ~ Salamanders thrive in the damp environment of the leaf layer. The leaves can also help insulate the soil over winter, keeping it from freezing and ensuring the salamanders survive the cold season.

Native Bees ~ While most native bees are solitary and do not form hives, there are notable exceptions! Like all bumblebees, yellow-faced bumblebees form colonies, but the males and workers die off as winter begins. The queen needs to find a safe space just below the leaves to survive the cold season and live to form another colony from scratch next year.

Other native bees often use the brown, hollow stems of plants for an overwintering site. Leaving these brown stems standing through winter is another great way to reduce fall yard waste and support wildlife!

Source: National Wildlife Federation Action Fund email dated October 16, 2025, "Take Action for Caterpillars, Salamanders and Fireflies"

Barbara Cunningham collects both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make

gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. Barb met the lady who helps cut up the cards for the students to use, as they are not allowed to have scissors for safety reasons. Barb has seen some of the gift cards and they really are pretty. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please hold on to them for now as she cannot deliver cards again for a while, I'll let you know when you can resume mailing cards to her.

Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. I would like to renew my request to have you cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. The cost of groceries has skyrocketed in the last year or so. Unfortunately, at the same time, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated—food, non-food, baby and pet; and both current and expired. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. If you have more than one ounce, invest in some additional ounce stamps - the cute ones with the school bus. The coupons have to say Manufacturer's Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. However, please send me coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. All of my coupon donors are complaining that they are getting very few coupons now, so the only way we can maintain our level of support is if more people send me coupons. Ask your friends and neighbors, and the people at your RUEA meetings, to send me coupons as well!

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. On November 1, I turned in 432 coupons worth \$4423.00. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. This month I received coupons from **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Ginger Dahlberg** in CA, **Francis Domaratius** in CA, **Barrie Hooley** in IN, **Katie King** in CA, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Beverly McAlister** in CA, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Georgia Rutkowski** in NV, **Russell Schleske** in CA and **Jim Taylor** in FL.

"Dumpster Diving." It's when you go through the wastebasket at your post office, apartment complex or assisted living facility and pull out junk mail flyers with coupons. **Carol Koslosky's** granddaughter Samantha is an incredible Dumpster Diver! She goes through the trash in her apartment complex mailroom and gets a ton of coupons that way. So, please consider rescuing abandoned coupons from your mailrooms. You may only get a handful of coupons in your own mail, but you can get many times that in your mailroom.

Helpful hint when cutting out coupons. Please make sure you do not cut off any part of the barcode or the expiration

date. The narrow strip coupons for Claritin etc. are the worst. It's very easy to cut off the "5" in the expiration date of 11/01/25, for example, which is right next to the edge of the coupon. The coupon cannot be used and has to be thrown away.

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

- ▲ Monday, December 3 at 11:30. This is our holiday luncheon. It will be at The Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. We are asking everyone to bring a "nice" raffle gift so everyone goes home with a nice gift, we are also collecting toys which will be taken to a local fire station. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, November 28.
- ▲ Monday, January 5 at 11:30. The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, January 2.
- ▲ Monday, February 2 at 11:30. The Lazy Dog Restaurant, 1961 Diamond Blvd in the Willows Shopping Center, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, January 30.

Until next month, watch your steps and do everything you can to stay healthy!



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Here we are in November gazing back to 1947, we all can remember that the Spruce Goose (that famous wooden flying boat) got up into the air for 26 – 30 seconds. That was the only time it flew but see how far we have advanced! Supposedly, United has signed up for some SST's so now the only problem will be getting to the airport and going through long lines. Back in the day, several of us were lucky enough to fly from New York to England on the Concorde – what an experience! The Great Pumpkin arrived in the Half Moon Bay Patch weighing over 2300 pounds – so now we can take a lawn chair and sit and watch the pumpkin grow (which is similar to watching paint dry, or grass grow.) Halloween kiddies were scarce as most now go to special blocks that are highly decorated and have buckets of candy! We look for-

ward to Thanksgiving and tasty Turkey – only then do you have our permission to put up Christmas decorations after that. I wonder if the stores will put out Valentines, St. Paddy's green beer, Easter Bunny stuff early!

Our meeting was opened in the usual way with the Pledge of Allegiance and a few moments of silence remembering those who have gone before us. Our meetings will still be held in The Vibe as the elevator is still not functioning. Hopefully, you have not been holding your breath as the wheels of progress grind slowly. The room we have been using has lovely views of the lagoons – do note that the recreation center is being built and looks good. No specific date for its completion so stay tuned, the new year is fast approaching. Here are the next 2025 meetings:

- **November 24** – Meeting at the Vibe, social time and raffles, then over to IHOP on Foster City Blvd. for lunch. They previously did not give us separate checks so bring cash (small bills) to cover your meal as one credit card will probably be used.
- **December 8** – This is a Monday. No meeting, just come to the Billini Bistro Italian Restaurant at 11:30am, 1465 Beach Park Blvd., Foster City, and plan to have a good time. You can order off the menu – they often have Lamb Shanks and if you would like to order those, please let Ginger know at our November meeting as she needs to let the restaurant know. Please bring 2 cans of low-sodium food that will be donated to the Foster City Fire Department for them to distribute to those in need during the holidays. We have one box filled, let's shoot for two! Thanks in advance.

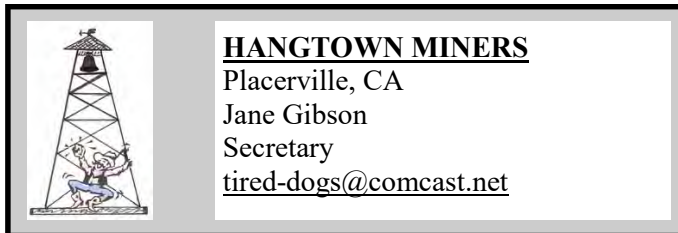
Minutes were read by **Eliza Vargas** and were approved as read. **John Garis**, our Treasurer, was on the sick list and unable to attend the meeting. **Pat Marsala** is on the get well list as well as is **Charlie Bogert** who is in a rehab facility in Belmont after having some heart problems. Get well y'all, you are in our thoughts. It was nice to see **Bill & Diane Heinrich** – they were able to use SamTrans both ways. The driver of the return trip was terrific! He was extremely helpful, cheerful and was on time, so if you are unable to drive, by all means, use it as it is very convenient and is a fairly inexpensive way to get around. **Andy King** had the treasures books and **Vera Kina** said all was in order. No one 'fessed up to having a birthday, no anniversaries either. We did have a raffle and the lucky **Heinrichs** – **Bill & Diane** won both of the drawings – and we wondered if they were going to pay for all of our lunches, not! Donations (read: White elephants) were won by several attendees: **Ben Ramos, John Bogdanoff, Judy Tonda**. Chit-chatting during some social time: **Marion Bruns, Al Durr, Linda Kasarda, Byron Holley, Pat Ortega**, to name a few. We are sorry to see **Frank Minnick** leave as he has moved to a Senior Living facility in Carmichael (near Sacramento) to be near family. We enjoyed our Chinese lunch at Joy Taiwan Chinese Restaurant – chop sticks included!

As Elmer Fudd said "That's all Folks"

Conundrum of the Day: *Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground? Hmmmm, just wondering!*

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continen-

tal retirees are welcome - we meet on the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00AM at The Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., in Foster City, behind the Tennis/Pickle Ball Courts. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



I hope all of you are doing well ... having some fun outdoors while this lovely autumn weather continues. Call me crazy, but, what an awesome planet we get to live on and care for every day! My Mom always loved autumn the most. She grew up in Indiana and the fall colors were so vibrant there. Here in California, we do get to see the changes that Mother Nature experiences each year – but, I don't think it is quite as dramatic! Those of you living at higher altitudes probably get more than we do here in the Bay Area. Now leaves; we do have plenty of those on the ground! Also, we are just about one week away from Halloween. My house isn't as festive as it was when our girls were young and in school. It is amazing how many different art projects a teacher can come up with for the holidays! That's okay, less to take down later!

Enough of my reminiscing – this month we dined at the Olive Garden in Folsom. **Judy & Jack Fitzpatrick** made all the arrangements – I think 30 Miners were able to attend. **Rudy Blazius** extended our thanks to them. If it's been a while since you went to this great restaurant, put it on your list of "things to do". They have good "lunch specials". Rudy gave a "Welcome" to our two guests; **Ernie Helliwell** and **Diane Wilson**. Ernie is Rudy's brother-in-law and the two of them have become regulars. Of course, everyone gets to be on this list – Happy Birthday to **Dawn Martin** and **Mike Thilges**. I don't see any anniversaries for our members this month. Rudy moved on to our Officers' Reports

President ~ Rudy Blazius, our ever wise president, didn't have anything "specific" to report about, but lots to contribute to during the meeting. **Duncan Nielsen** spoke up to share that the UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion in Minden, NV was a big success. The efforts of the group had things together quickly. He extended a "Thank You" to **Jane Gibson**, and **Bill Gibson** as her assistant. Duncan referred to me as "the Boss" - however, I contend that just because I am bossy, doesn't make me the boss!

Vice President ~ J.R. Heier, Vice President deluxe, was not in attendance today. Well, actually, he did come by and dropped off the raffle "equipment". He had some health concerns going on so didn't stay.

Treasurer ~ The best treasurer ever, **Tom Kenny**, reports that our bank balance is looking good! We are 10% behind last year's totals at this point. We have not heard from Lucille's yet. They were supposed to treat our luncheon as a fundraiser which would give us a % rebate. Tom plans to

make a "follow-up" call to them. Tom also reports that we have not received any significant number of tools being donated this year. He will continue to look around and we ask that you, too, do that. If you're at a garage or estate sale, take a gander at the garage items, they might just be some tools looking for a new "life" at a cheap price!

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson, the "bossy" one, didn't have an actual report, but, as most of you have already received in the mail, it is time to choose your medical insurance for 2026. Many of us may prefer to stay with what we already have, so we don't need to do anything – our coverage continues.

But, we also have been sent information about a company, Alight Retiree Health Solutions. As I am not familiar with this company, I asked **Judy Fitzpatrick** what she has experienced using them. Judy said that this Alight helps you to go thru and understand your options with the various health plans that are available to us retirees under our pensions. As I understand, they give you more information about each company, point out what they offer and what will fit your individual need. It is not a health plan on its own. She and Jack used their help a few years ago and she said that they were very helpful. The Open Enrollment period is from October 27th to November 14th. Your annual coverage extends from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

I also want to caution you about something. Keep in mind that I am not a professional in this, but we also received a letter from UAL concerning prescription drug coverage with UAL. I'm going to copy from the info sheet we received: *"United Airlines has determined that all United Airlines prescription drug coverage options are, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because the United Airlines prescription drug coverage options are Creditable Coverage, you can keep this coverage and you will not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare prescription drug plan and drop your United Airlines coverage. If you or any covered dependents do decide to join a Medicare prescription drug only plan outside of your United Airlines plan, and drop your current United Airlines plan coverage, be aware that you and your covered dependents will not be able to get United Airlines offered Medicare coverage back."*

If you need more information, please be sure to contact UAL's Benefits Resources. By web: Your Benefits Resources at <http://www.ybr.com/united>. Phone: 1-800-651-1007, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Central Time, Mon – Fri. Address any written correspondence to: United Airlines Benefits Center, Dept 00245, P.O. Box 299100, Lewisville, TX 75029-9100.

Also! Jane passed around the sign-up sheet for hosting in 2026! Yup, it's that time of the year again! A good response, as hoped, but we still have 4 months that need a host. So, here's who have signed-up so far: January - **Blazius**; February - **Kenney & Barton**; March - **Kenny**; May - **Bell & Nielsen**; June - **Akin**; October - **Trebnik**; November - **Kenworthy**; December - group effort. That leaves the months of April, July, August, and September! These are all great months to host so either let me know which month you want to take or you can sign up at the November luncheon.

Sunshine ~ Our always cheerful **Suzanne Kenny**, reports there were no problems she heard about this month. Since Suzanne, and Tom too, take on the challenge of making the arrangements for our December luncheon, she gave us an update: She contacted the Smith Flat House to see if they have the date of Wednesday, December 10th open. Guess what – they do! So, as most of you know already, this place has a separate room that is warm and cozy. They serve great food that's nice and hot. So, **Diana Bell** motioned that we return to the Smith Flat House for our December luncheon; **Dawn Martin** seconded, motion passed unanimously. Suzanne will work with them to get the menu set. What we had last year was delicious so we may just have a "repeat"! How does: appetizers, prime rib or salmon, salad, potatoes, dessert sound? Well, we all approved too. We will still be collecting the Food Donations at the December luncheon, but bring your toys to the November luncheon.

New Business ~ Are You Ready? It's that time of the year – not for turkey – not just yet – it's time to nominate our officers for 2026! Yeah, that time. Rudy tossed the subject out for all of us to discuss. There was a lot of jostling, some ribbing, no crying, a couple "deer in the headlights" looks, but, in the long run it seems that you want to continue with what ya got. Imagine that! (Actually, Rudy had checked with all of us to see if we would be able/willing to carry on another year, but he didn't tell everyone that). So, **Duncan Nielsen** motioned for: *President* – **Rudy Blazius**; *Vice President* – **JR Heier**; *Treasurer* – **Tom Kenny**; *Secretary* – **Jane Gibson**; *Sunshine* – **Suzanne Kenny**; to be our officers in 2026. **Diana Bell** seconded the motion. Now, think about this nomination, come to our November meeting and vote for whom you want to hold office. If you have someone (with their permission) who you would like to be in any of these positions, you can make a motion and it will be voted on then. A side note: **Bill Gibson** requested that you keep his (bossy) wife busy! I have no idea what he's talking about!

Old Business ~ This isn't exactly "Old" but it is important. It has to do with medications and over-the-counter products you may take. Please, make sure that you get your (at least) once a year medical check-up. While you are there, review with your doctor what medications and supplements you take. Sometimes we find it is "easier" to just keep plodding along with what we know, what we are used to doing. But that may not be the best choice for our health. Sometimes a new medication or supplement may be added – or taken away – and the change can create a conflict with another one you may be taking. Doctors and pharmacists are usually pretty good at spotting a conflict, but, maybe they don't know that someone else has prescribed a med for you, one that could work against others. We can never be too careful. Don't be afraid to ask questions and if you don't know what they are talking about – have them explain it all again until you are sure that what is being prescribed is the right, safe thing for you.


Hmmmm, I took one page of notes and really made this much lengthier than expected! So, I think that wraps it up for October minutes. Our November luncheon will be at the Moonraker Millhouse in Cameron Park. Remember: Please, remember to bring your toy donations to the November Luncheon!

Judy and Duncan took over the floor and started our raffle. Guess who won the donator's prize – **Judy Fitzpatrick**! Well done! Thank you to all who brought items to be raffled and to the **Fitzpatricks** for the very nice lanterns that were our table decorations: **Heier** – wine; **Biro** - wine; **Thilges** - wine; **Wilson** – candy; **Blazius** – wallet; **Trebnik** – door-draft Santa/candy dish; **Kenney** - candle & holder; **Gibson** – lantern; **Martin** – wine opener; **Kenny** – bag clips; **Guinn** – yoga mat; **Bell/Nielsen** – 49er apron.

Rudy finished the meeting off with these funnies:

- ☺ Teacher: How old is your Father? Kid: He is 6 years old. Teacher: What? How is this possible? Kid: He became a Father only when I was born. (Logic! Children are quick and always speak their minds)
- ☺ Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America. Maria: Here it is. Teacher: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America? Class: Maria!
- ☺ Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile"? Glenn: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L. Teacher: No, that's wrong. Glenn: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.
- ☺ Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water? Donald: HIJKLMNO. Teacher: What are you talking about? Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O.
- ☺ Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his? Clyde: No, sir; it's the same dog.
- ☺ Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested. Harold: A teacher.

That's all folks! Please all of you, take good care of yourselves. Take a walk, enjoy the sunshine, breathe in deeply, laugh often and stay safe.



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Another month has sped by and we now find November has arrived. This month's retiree breakfast had fifteen members in attendance. This is the first that I was able to attend and then come home and write this report. All the information is fresh and happened within the hour.

Louie Semon is traveling in Mexico with his family. I believe a cruise down the Coast of Mexico. **Betty Tomaino** is in Italy and will be on a trans-Atlantic cruise back to the US. We always welcome them back and look forward to hearing about their adventures.

Our December Birthdays are **Wendel Johnson** celebrating on the 18th and **Maria Pollack** on the 30th, she also gets to celebrate a Happy New Year on December 31st.

The wind ... What is it? How does it start? Wind exists because the sun heats the earth unevenly creating areas of low


and high pressure. Low pressure are areas where warm air is rising and the high pressure areas are where the cold air is pushing down on the air below it. In high pressure, air gets uncomfortable due to the air is being pushed down and will whoosh toward a low pressure zone. This fills a void left behind by the rising warm air. This whooshing sound that we hear is the wind. We can't see it, but we can feel the effects.

The more extreme the difference in air pressure the more intense the wind blows. In the 1990's, an experiment inside the biosphere in Arizona designed to mimic the earth's environment could not understand why the trees kept collapsing. Scientists finally figured out that it was because there was no wind. There was no challenge to grow. The trees need some stress as a challenge to grow. In the wind, the trunks are made more resilient by the force of the wind blowing against them.

You will most likely look at the wind and weather differently that you have in the past.

Calendar:

December 4 - Holiday Lunch at Hunter's Steakhouse, Ocean-side.

 <p>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS</p>	<p><u>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS</u> Sacramento, CA Ron Bertacini Secretary sgd@surewest.net</p>
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The Sacramento Gold Diggers met a couple of days before Halloween at Bennett's Westside Grill in Rocklin. We had 25 in attendance in our private room. We only had two members dressed for Halloween, **Stephanie Norton** and her daughter **Marrilee**. We did have small pumpkins with candy treats as well as others candies spread around the tables.


After enjoying our lunch, President **Francis Domaratius** began

the meeting by thanking **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** for making the arrangements. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that the next luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 3rd at Casa del Lago in Granite Bay. It will be a buffet similar to last year and subsidized by the chapter. We will also keep our tradition of collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program; more detail will be forthcoming. Ron also mentioned that we are also set for our January and February lunch/meetings with the rest of the year open at this time. Ron reported on the anniversaries ~ For September, since we did not meet, were **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** with 40 years and **Pat & John Zoboli** with 37 years; for October were **Louise & Lyle Auerbach** with 13 years, **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** with 35 years and **Teresa & Skip Knapp** with 62 years.

Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** had nothing to report which is usually a good thing. Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported the chapter is solvent, thanks to the monthly raffles. **Dave Garland** reported that the RUAEA 2025 Reunion was a success in Denver and that next year 2026 will be in Houston, September 25 through 30. The venue will be the Holiday Inn with a rate of \$109 plus tax which includes breakfast for two also free parking and shuttle service from and to the airport.

Birthdays for October were **Veronica Domaratius** and **Ron Bertacini** with Ron winning the roll-off. There was a lot of discussion about Medical plans for 2026. **Jim Simon** presented some information about Flights to Freedom Program that he has become involved with since **Ken Lux's** presentation at our August meeting. It is a very worthwhile program to rescue young folks from child trafficking which has become a world-wide problem. Jim asked the members for a \$100 donation since our treasury has the funds. After some discussion, the members agreed that a \$200 donation would be appropriate.

We wrapped up the meeting with our monthly raffle and a thank you to all the donations.

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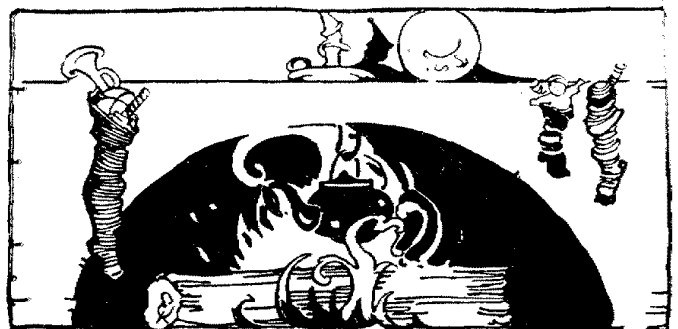
Steve & Jacque and Bob & Mary met to discuss the December party possibilities.


We also called Bob & Sandy during our meeting since Bob & Sandy are the hosts for November 13; the location is Good Friends in Valley Springs at 11AM.

As for December, Bob & Mary have offered to host a December Pot Luck on December 11 in their home in Manteca. They have plenty of room in their home and parking is easy. It is our recommendation to have the chapter purchase ham to have Mary bake/serve buffet style. At the meeting next week in Valley Springs, she will have a sign up sheet for the "sides". Whatever else is needed that is not chosen by someone, the Browns/Fosters will provide.

If someone has a better idea, please bring it up next week in Valley Springs.

I just learned via Facebook that the Walls Family requesting prayers for Jack's younger brother; we love **Jack & Rosie Walls** who have been long time members of our chapter. Our thoughts and prayer go out to the family.





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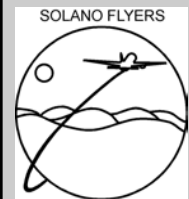
We had a great attendance at our November gathering, with 16 coming out on a clear morning and had the restaurant's room all to ourselves. It was nice to see **Maureen Snyder**, and **Joyce Thuener** there. As it was the election day, **Chuck Thuener** wore his VOTE hat to remind us of our civic duty.

November birthdays included **Bill Reichard**; **Bob Matkovich**; **Bob & Karen Devlin** and **George Midwin**.

Bill & Rosemarie Reichard are also celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary, congratulations to both of them!

OK, we settled on a date, time and location for our annual Christmas get together. It will be on Monday, December 8, 2025 from 1100 to 1400. The restaurant is called Effies, located at 331 Hacienda Ave, Campbell, CA. This is just around the corner from Winchester Blvd., South of San Thomas Expressway. We will have a section allocated for us and they will accept individual checks. You can order off the menu, whatever you prefer, breakfast or lunch. Please contact **Karen Jenkins** at kmjvecchia@gmail.com if you and others plan to attend so she can make arrangements with the restaurant.

We meet the first Monday of each month at the Bill of fare restaurant in San Jose at 10AM. All UA retirees are welcome to attend. It is just off highway 280, at 1069 Saratoga Ave.



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We met at Mary's Pizza Shack in Vacaville, CA on October 21st with the following in attendance: **Larry Jackson, April**


Rockdaschel, Eileen Gardner, Helen Ayala, Diosnel Perez, Chauncey Baine, Gerald Williams, Bob Richie, Rudy Ar-saga, Joanne & Billy Blizzard, Stewart McCale Sr., Stewart McCale Jr. and Suzanne Kelly.

Birthday ~ **Eileen Gardner.**

Anniversary ~ **Gerald Williams.**

Our next meeting will be on November 18th at Denny's in Cordelia.

COLORADO



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Chapter President, **Paul Goodyear**, was not able to attend this month's luncheon due to a total knee replacement surgery on Tuesday, November 4. We had 10 members and visitors in attendance.

No 50/50 drawing was held.

In Paul's absence, **Gary Trujillo** updated those in attendance about the plans for our Annual Christmas Party, to be held on Thursday, December 4.

Tedz has agreed to provide us with a Steak Luncheon, to include soup or salad, baked potato and Texas toast for \$20. If you prefer, you may order from the menu. If you elect the Steak Luncheon, please RSVP to **Tammi Thompson**, (303) 618.5345, by phone or text, no later than Sunday, November 23, 2025. Also, if your budget allows, please bring an unwrapped child's toy to be distributed on United's Fantasy Flight.

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 4, 11:00AM, Tedz Place, (303) 287.7544. We hope to see you there – bring a friend! Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, (303) 287-7544.

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The turnout at our November picnic was, as always, great! Who joined in the food & conversation you ask? **Al & Joanne Mollet, Dennis & Debbie Schuster, Sue Nash, Patti & Monty Clark, Retta Finn, Al & Lois Fields, Tom Cannata, Laurie Bork & friend Norma, Ted & Char LeGrand & bro & sis-in-law, Ralph & Peg LeGrand, Linda Agnello,**

Connie Lenard, Paul Crotty, Elaine Mannella, Dan Raciak, Angel Montalvo, Ed DiCicco, and Ted LeGrand III.

President Al reminded us all that Veterans Day is November 11th and asked all our vets to stand to our applause and "Thank You for your Service"! We were missing Ernie and Mack, but they were present in our hearts. Mack – RIP. Ernie still needs our cheery well-wishes.



Ernie Vosges, aka The Hulk, passed away on November 7, 2025 after a year long battle and hospital stay. He started with UAL in Denver on the Ramp and has been married to Cheryl for 44 years. He was President of the Real McCoys Chapter for many years. Ernie was our gentle giant and will most certainly be missed by many. Condolences may be sent to Cheryl and the family at 2904 Birmingham Blvd., Orlando, FL 32829.

Most of us paid to RSVP for the Christmas Luncheon on December 9th at Maggianos. It will certainly be a festive affair! Last minute? Send your check for \$45 to **Linda Agnello**, made out to her to: 22661 Lake Baldwin Lane, F105, Orlando, FL 32814 no later than 11/21/2025. Thanks!

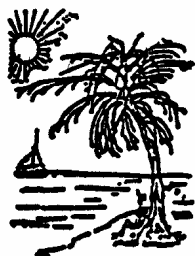
Birthday Candles will be blown out by **Monty** (11/16) & **Patti** (11/22) **Clark** and by **Dennis Schuster** on 11/27. Happy Birthday with Balloons! Anniversary wishes to **Ted** & **Claire LeGrand**, celebrating 44 years on 11/20. Huge congrats!



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



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

Calendar:

December 10 - Christmas Luncheon.



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

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Aloha from Oahu! The RUAEA Chapter Honolulu Menehunes are finally back. We have luncheons 3 times a year on the 3rd Thursday in February, June, and September. For the mainland retirees—If you are planning to be in HNL and are interested in attending the luncheon, please let us know beforehand and we will get the information to you. Mahalo!

IDAHO



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

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December—the end of the road for another year. Easy or hard? Bumps along the way? Join the group/Take a number! But we're here, reading the RUAEA Newsletter, having a coffee or a beverage of your choice. Hope you at least had a

laugh or two. I notice we lost a few friends, hope they went with a smile on their faces, and met up with family and old friends. It must be a beautiful place since nobody has come back.

Now we get to think forward to 2026! What can we plan for or hope for? Many of you still travel around the country and the world. That's wonderful, so much more to see and experience. There are still seven continents out there, have you been to more than five? Congratulations! I have not, and don't think I'll make any more. But the world is still beckoning you, go for it! In our early careers, I think we flew every chance we had, then came families, we might have slowed down a little, but let's say our destinations changed. Instead of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, we took the kids to Disneyland. Seeing the world through a child's eyes is a wonder to behold, isn't it? Even taking them to one of our museums was always a thrill for me. Now I see them taking their kids downtown to the MSI or the Shedd, or the Field museums, and they see their kids have that same wide-eyes amazement I so enjoyed 40 years ago. Yep, good times! Life marches on, right?

Almost forgot, the deer shed their antlers this month; that's an easy way for them to lose a few pounds. I wonder if that hurts when they fall off; they'll never tell. The nice holidays for this month are St. Nicholas Day on the 6th, get the stockings up the night of the 5th, fill them, then wait for the little urchins to come down in the morning searching for surprise gifts. St. Nick was known for his generosity and as the patron saint of children. The other holidays are Cyber Monday on the 1st, Hanukkah, from the 15th to the 22nd, the Winter Solstice on the 21st, then Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Kwanza begins on the 26th and ends on January 1st, New Year's Eve of course is on the 31st. On the 7th, we commemorate Pearl Harbor Day, the 84th anniversary of the day that will live in infamy. The December flowers are the narcissus and holly. The narcissus signifies achievement, character, festivity, wealth and good wishes. Holly signifies good fortune, peace and merriment; both beautiful flowers. The gems of the month are plentiful, there are three of them, turquoise, tanzanite and zircon. There are colors for everyone, blue to blueish purple of tanzanite, intense blue and green of turquoise, and a rainbow of colors for everyone in zircon. All beautiful shades to make you beautiful, or more beautiful. We have another Super Moon on the 4th of December, it should be as spectacular as the last two. The trick is to see it as it rises out of the horizon in the East, big, orange and glorious. We have one more in January, then it goes back to being a plain old moon for a while. But they are glorious, that big black sky and a bright orange orb up there, all by itself. The December moon has two names, the Cold Moon and the Long Nights Moon, named for the winter solstice, the longest night of the year. I hope you can wait until May, there will be two moons that month. Hold on, I know you're excited; I'll remind you.

The Northside Breakfast at Rose's Garden had five retirees, **Dona Nefczyk, Charlie Lewis, Marsha & Paul Weber**, and long time no see, **Tom Badon**.

The ORDDMM mechanics met at Maxfields, all the regulars were there, **Frank Weng, Jim Kraft, Bill Durr, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Fred Seibert, Cas Paprocki, LB**

Neal, Jim Vitte, Walt Chornomaz, Boris Spitz, and our lovely waitress for 19 years, Ruthie. It's amazing how she knows everybody's orders for that long. Other patrons tell me she knows their orders too. Plus she can handle herself with all those men. No slouch for a snappy comeback.

The October Foremen's breakfast had only five, but they had as much fun as 10; **Bob Smietanski, Tom Abraham, Bart Kendall**, (without Sue), **Glenn Hill**, and in from the golf course, **Roy Johnson**; good to see him again. **Sue & Bart Kendall** have been traveling around in this beautiful weather in their blue Miata with their Windy City Miata Club all across the Midwest. They say the fall colors have been spectacular. They visit so many restaurants; it's a real amazing day when they actually have a meal at home. And why not, they're keeping America green! They take their cat, Leggo with them; he's a back seat driver.

The IAM 1487 Retiree Club had 94 guests in November. It was a complimentary slice of pizza day. That's always a very special party. Lots of fun, mixing and laughing. Next month is their spectacular Christmas Party at the Seville in Streamwood. You had to sign up earlier in November. We'll have all the details next month. I just know a good time was had by all.

Interesting facts, common health problems for those over 75 include [chronic conditions like heart disease, cancer, stroke, and osteoarthritis, as well as fall-related injuries and hearing loss](#). Other significant issues are infections, memory issues, depression, social isolation, and pain. Addressing these conditions with regular medical check-ups, preventative measures, and a healthy lifestyle can improve quality of life. Have you hit a zero on these, or maybe just a few; take care of them. Read something recently about our flight attendants hotels. United is having difficulty finding hotels willing to take our tenants during layovers. There are over 25,000 crew members, and many hotels simply don't want crew business anymore. Signing up to an airline contract can be a double-edged sword. On one hand, the hotel has guaranteed occupancy, their guests are generally quiet and not around for very long. But drawbacks are, unpredictable arrival and departure times, 24 hour stays that completely rip up the standard check-in and out times, and minimum room requirements that prevent flight attendants from being situated near elevators, ice machines, or stairs, make airline contracts a challenge. These requirements make crews more complicated guests than the average tourist. United has tried to get around these issues to find hotels in downtown locations or downtown-like locations. In London, attendants are being sent to a sleepy little town 24 miles southwest of Central London. They've also been moved out of downtown hotels in Amsterdam, Rome, and New York City. United and the union are trying to reach an agreement that will be agreeable to both parties. Talks are scheduled through Spring of 2026. Boy, did you ever think there was so much involved to find a room for our crews? See all we don't know? Speaking of hotels, I just read that Hilton has 9,000 properties world-wide. That means they have 8,342 hotels and more than 1.18 million rooms in the world. We should have the flight attendants stay at the Hiltons, they have the rooms. The largest Hilton is the Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, which encompasses 22 acres. The most luxurious Hilton is the Waldorf Astoria Hotels and Re-

sorts. Marriott has over 9,000 properties and more than 1.5 rooms worldwide. Whoa, call Marriott, too. Did you know these two chains had so many rooms? Then add in all of the other hotels, there are a whole lot of rooms for rent out there. There's something else I bet you never think about. I don't, but I know other things that would surprise Hilton. We're all smart in our own areas. So when looking for a hotel and they say, 'we're filled', there must be a convention or something going on in that city, or our crews are in town. Interesting, right?

Our coworkers that few West include **Bob Hardin**, ORDMM, **Patti Morton**, supervisor in ORD Ramp, **John Wade**, CHI Dispatch, **Tony Boots**, ORDMM Operating Manager/SFOLM, **Clarence Quinajon**, OPBOP/SFOOO. Also gone from our world are actors, Diane Keaton (Godfather/Annie Hall), Samantha Eggar (Dr. Doolittle), Diane Ladd (Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore), June Lockhart (Lassie), singers, John Lodge, Moody Blues. Chris Dreja, Yardbirds, Ace Frehley, Kiss, Joan Kennedy, Ted Kennedy's ex-wife, James Watson, geneticist and Nobel Prize winner of DNA, Dick Cheney, Vice President to George W. Bush, and Chicago's own mascot from Loyola, Sr. Jean, 106 years old.

One final note and wish that we finish this year in happiness, looking forward to a happy and kind 2026. We have no idea what's ahead, good, bad or ugly, but we can only hope it will be enough for us to get through another year of good health, wealth to get us through comfortably, and the good fortune to keep our family and friends by our side. May we be able to help others through difficult times and health. God help us to keep our brains working clearly and make sure the humor cells are still active and sharing some funny ways of getting through this world of ours. Without a sense of humor, we'll all be lost.

Thank you to all that have let me know you enjoy my monthly ramblings. I've enjoyed bringing them to you. Let's try this again one more time. Stay with me. Happy New Year to all and to all a good life.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**December 11**), second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., 50 W. Oakton St, Des Plaines (**December 4**) First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**December 18**) Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza, 11:00 A.M. 856 Pyott Rd, Algonquin, (**January 13**).



INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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

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

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There is no report this month from the Nor'Easters chapter of RUAEA.

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Pam Shamey hosted the November luncheon on November 10th at Archie's Tavern at the Laurel Park Mall.

It was so nice to see a couple of new faces at our October luncheon. **Kathy Page** hosted the luncheon at the Red Lobster in Novi, MI on October 14. In attendance were **Kathy Page**, **Lynn Manzi**, **Polly Moore Chaney**, **Beverly (BJ) Davis**, **Marguerite & Tom Venn**, **Pam & Tom Shamey**, **Vi**

Thomas, Marcy Vance, Anna Noeske, Camille Wade, Aymen Mustafa, and Gwen Dyc.

Thought for the month: "What is valuable in life is not what we have in our lives, but who we have in our lives."

Be thankful, always!

NEBRASKA



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Pizza Ranch restaurant was the meeting place of 13 Omaha retirees on Wednesday, November 5th. Our discussion centered on United Health plans from United Airlines for 2026.

Our Christmas luncheon will be on December 3rd, invitations/forms were handed out to those attending the meeting; those not in attendance will get the information via US mail.

Due to the low attendance this year at our monthly luncheon meetings, we will discuss at the Christmas luncheon if we will continue our gatherings in 2026.

Joke of the month: "What do you get if you cross a snake and a plane? Answer: Boeing Constrictor!"

NEVADA



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

The Las Vegas Silverliners welcome all UA/CO retirees to join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon Celebration. We will observe the Holidays in November on the 20th, 11:30 AM, at the Durango Hills Golf Club, 3501 N. Durango Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89129.

The Silverliners extend an invitation to all Nevada UA/CO retirees to join us. For more information, please contact either **Arlene McCroy**, apolloguys@aol.com or **Mary Chandler**, honoluluMary06@yahoo.com.





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There were 10 members present at our October meeting. It was a bit strange without **Kathy Robinson** after so many years. Also missing were the **Klemms**. Hopefully, we will see them in December. The pictures we took of Kathy at our picnic in September were printed in the October RUAEA newsletter. Her new address was handed out to the members so they can keep in touch with her. Kathy's email address and cell phone number remain unchanged. Please contact me if you need the information.

RUAEA's 50th Golden Jubilee was a success. John & I attended the event held at the Holiday Inn near the old Denver Stapleton Airport, across from the UA Flight Training Center. The Training Center now runs 24/7/363, closed only on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. Luckily, our small group was able to check out the interior of one of the trainers due to the trainees break. Next year the convention will be in Houston at the Holiday Inn near the airport. I recently noticed that the Dana Hotel at Mission Bay is now part of Costco's travel program. I recommend that as a place to stay if you travel to San Diego.

Alliant Credit Union CEO Mike Dobbins was at the Convention Business meeting. He spoke briefly about his excitement in joining Alliant. The Credit Union sponsored a cake for all to enjoy. Alliant is celebrating 90 years of operation. Of their \$20 billion assets, \$7 billion are from United Airlines employees, majority of them retirees. He was very personable.

The lunch menu for Biscotti's at the Peppermill was distributed at the luncheon. Please plan on returning your order and payment by cash or check at the November meeting.

As a reminder, **Pat Zoboli** has confirmed our Christmas Luncheon date with the Peppermill for Monday, December 1 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch to be served at 12:00 p.m. We will be eligible for a 20% discount due to our player cards.

Hopefully everyone has dealt with Open Enrollment and is ready for 2026.

The October birthdays were **Barbara Leusing** and **Donna Perkins**. The 50/50 winner was **Linda Borchers** and the faux fall flower arrangement was won by **June Roe**.



NEW YORK

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FYI, the New York Metros are on Long Island and not part of Manhattan; so we aren't under the newly elected mayor - for those who were wondering.

The Metros have lost another member. This past Sunday, **Bobbie Lee** passed away; condolence to his family and friends.

50/50 winners were **Donna Feingold**, **Suzanne Lagasi**, and **Nick Manfredi**.

Celebrating their anniversary on November 23 is **Donna & Bob Cardenas**.

Happy Birthday to **Arthur Wilsdorf**, **James Ammon**, **LeeAnn Lack**, and **Velma Jones**.


On December 3rd, we will have our annual Christmas Party. All are welcomed, contact me at djf509@aol.com for cost and time if you plan on coming.

Good day to all.

Calendar:

December 3 – Christmas Party.

OHIO

	<u>OHIO BUCKEYES</u> Cleveland, OH Susan Broderick President broderickual62@aol.com
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The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter met at Mahle's Restaurant and Lounge on November 5. 40 retirees attended and every one of them loved the great food and had a fabulous time getting together. In attendance were Pres. **Sue Broderick**, VP **Sharon Minelli**, **Bernie Garrah**, **MaryLou Mack**, **Jeff & Judy Spooner**, **Barb & Frank Wachs**, **George & Nancy Oncu**, **Ben Bogucki**, **Betty Krischker**, **Candy Kane**, **Mick Hoban**, **Ron Weisbarth**, **Jack Wright**, **Jeff Wright**, **Tom Duta**, **Sharon Gatesman**, **Steve & Lee Rak**, **Tim Baker**, **John & Carrie Kercel**, **Tom & Marty Hassell**, **Hanna Beish**, **Arlene Brahm**, **Gene & Jackie Craig**, **Clara Dietrich**, **Shirley McCarthy**, **Nancy McLaughlin**, **Mary Jane Pennick**, **Kay Preston**, **Jennifer Schreiner**, **Dave & Sharon Simpson** and **Bernie Kazimer**. In addition, we had a new member again this month, **Maggie Naegele**. Two members, **Nancy Cleary** and **Marianne Skala** cancelled due to a last minute snafu. We hope to see them at our next event as Santa has planned a quick layover.

Mahle's Restaurant and Lounge is located on Detroit Rd. in Westlake, Ohio. It is the true favorite of all the Buckeyes.

The food and service is fabulous. If you are ever in the area, please try it out.

We started our lunch with a couple announcements. **Bernie Kazimer** brought in a large puzzle that was framed by a Veteran as he was recovering from surgery. It was done very nicely, and we had all Veterans stand so that we can thank them for their service.

We will not meet in January or February but already have plans for the upcoming year. Susan talked about open enrollment for insurance, advised everyone to look at what you are getting to ensure it is the best for you. We had three November Birthdays that heard us sing to them. We said grace and asked God to watch over those involved in the UPS crash.

Special thanks to **Bernie Garrah** and **Tom Kercel** for handling the 50/50 each month. If it gets close to 11:30AM and I don't see them, I get nervous but they always come through for us! This month we had 6 winners at \$27.00 each; **Ben Bogucki** won again (might be a fix), **Shirley McCarthy**, **Carrie Kercel**, **Lee Rak**, **Ron Weisbarth** and **Bernie Garrah** ... now the last one is still under review, just saying.

We were very happy to see so many people attending. The best part of the day is to hear people laughing and enjoying seeing each other.

The Ohio Buckeyes Schedule is as follows, if you are interested in attending or if you are a Buckeye at heart, please contact **Sue Broderick**, (312) 215-0326 for additional info as we would love to see you.

★ Diamond Event Center – December 3 (Special visit from Santa planned)

Thank you for flying United, and God Bless us all!

OREGON

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We had 23 folks attend our October luncheon. Good food, great conversations and lots of laughter. **Russell Stinnett** won the free lunch door prize, and **Penny Korbe** won the Birthday free lunch. **Steve Borbely** won the 50/50.

Fortunately, no sad news this month!

So let's enjoy a little humor, with some philosophy thrown in occasionally, to make your day pass with a little more fun!

- ☺ 8 out of 10 people know that the only reason your nose is in the middle of your face is, well, because it is the scenter (groan!)
- ☺ An apple a day keeps anyone away, if you throw it hard enough.
- ☺ Things to ponder:
 - ▲ What if my dog only brings back the ball because he thinks I like throwing it?
 - ▲ If poison is past its expiration date, is it more poisonous or less poisonous?

- ▲ Which letter is silent in the word scent, the S or the C?
- ▲ Every time you clean something, you make something else dirty.
- ▲ The word swims upside down is still swims.
- ▲ Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, and scissors is just as hard as trying to win.
- ▲ Is your future self watching you right now through memories?
- ▲ If you replace W with T in What, Where and When, you get the answer to each of them.
- ▲ How many animals need glasses, and no one knows it?
- ▲ If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually fewer holes in it than before.
- ☺ It takes 7 seconds for food to pass from mouth to stomach. A human hair can hold 3 Kg. The length of a penis is three times the length of the thumb. The femur is as hard as concrete. A woman's heart beats faster than a man's. Women blink 2 times as much as men. We use 300 muscles just to keep our balance when we stand. A woman has read this entire text. A man is still looking at his thumb.
- ☺ My brain has reached its storage limits. Please don't tell me anything about anything anymore!
- ☺ Nutritionist: You're eating wrong. Dentist: You're brushing your teeth wrong. Parents: You're living wrong. Wine store guy: Excellent choice!
- ☺ Dear Santa, I've been good this year ... well most of the time ... OK, once in a while ... Forget it. I'll buy my own stuff.
- ☺ I am not a hoarder. I rescue orphaned fabric!
- ☺ They say when you retire you will travel more. What they don't tell you is that it is to Doctor's appointments.
- ☺ And now a few Puns:
 - Frog parking only. All others will be toad.
 - If your car is running, I'm voting for it.
 - I want to grow my own food, but I can't find bacon seeds.
 - What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
 - This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.
 - My wife said I never listen to her or something like that.
 - I checked into the hokey pokey clinic and turned myself around.
 - Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?
- ☺ My hubby got stung by a bee on the forehead. He's at the ER right now. His face is all swol-

len and bruised. He almost died. Luckily, I was close enough to hit the bee with my shovel! (a big groan)

- ☺ What's the difference between a literalist and a kleptomaniac? A literalist takes things literally. A kleptomaniac takes things, literally.
- ☺ My mind says, "Yes" but the body says "what the hell are you thinking!"
- ☺ I got pulled over by the police around 2AM. The officer asked, "Where are you headed at this hour?" I said, "I'm on my way to a lecture about the effects of alcohol abuse, smoking, and staying out late." He looked surprised and asked, "Oh really? Who is giving a lecture at this time of night?" I replied, "The Wife!"
- ☺ I am not crazy, I'm just special. I ... no wait. Maybe I am crazy ... one second, I have to talk to myself about this ... hold on ...
- ☺ I swear if my memory was any worse, I could plan my own surprise party!
- ☺ I overheard a child at the park today tell his sad friend, "It's okay to be sad. Sad stands for Secretly A Dinosaur." Then he let out a big roar. That kid is going places.
- ☺ I'm going to write a book about all the things I should have done with my life ... I'll call it my oughtabiography.
- ☺ Trust me. Cookies have very few vitamins, so we have to eat a lot of them.
- ☺ My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn. My house isn't dirty, and the cobwebs are gone. My garden looks lovely and so does the lawn. I think I might never put my glasses back on!
- ☺ I'm not afraid of aging ... I am afraid of stairs, tiny print, and chairs that sit too low.
- ☺ When I'm sad, I just sing, and then I realize my voice is worse than my problems.
- ☺ What's the difference between a crow and a raven? Scientifically, a raven has 17 primary wing feathers, the big ones at the end of the wing. They are called pinion feathers. A crow has 16. So, the difference between a crow and a raven is only a matter of a pinion ... I'll see myself out.


Until next month!

Calendar:

December 11 - Meetings at Colwood Golf Center Grill – Social Hour 11:00AM, Lunch served at noon, 2nd Thursday of every month.



PENNSYLVANIA

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Hi again from Philly,


We talked about the nice time we had at our time in Denver when we had our October Luncheon; everyone was attentive when we mentioned different names they remembered. It's amazing how many employees moved from station to station around the country; especially those in maintenance and sales. Many tales are very interesting to hear; many friends were made and are still in touch.

Our November luncheon is scheduled for Monday the 11th, we hope to see about 25 members.

We hope you are staying well this time of the year as the weather is getting colder weather and the Holidays coming soon.

We'll catch up again next month. Stay positive!

WASHINGTON


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Hello all, just a little note to let you know that our Seattle Emerald City Slickers chapter is still active. We are planning a Christmas luncheon at Angelo's on December 9 at noon. As in the past, the restaurant will offer separate checks so you pay for your own meals. We always have a great time together, so far, I've had 24 confirming that they will be attending, I will call all members the first week of December to remind you of the event.

On a different subject, Judy and I had a great time at the Reunion in Denver as we met a lot of fantastic people, thanks to all who organized the event. We had a large contingent at the event as in the attached picture.

A reminder that the Mechanics get-together is scheduled at 8:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Trotter Restaurant in Auburn.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Fall has definitely arrived here in the D.C. area. The air is crisp and the skies are clear. This is a favorite season for many of us in this area.

My threats of no longer writing this article seem to have been untrue. I do love writing it, but deadlines are my nemesis. Our Chapter President, **Carl Alford**, has been my life saver and has repeatedly covered for me when I have been either too busy, too overwhelmed or just plain too lazy to live up to this small commitment. Thanks, Carl!

We are all looking forward to our November luncheon as that is when the Marines will join us for the "Toys for Tots" collection. Our chapter has several charities that we support



Emerald City Slickers Members at RUAEA Reunion in Denver

but this is our favorite. It is so rewarding to know that children, who have very little, will wake up on Christmas morning with the same joy that most other children, at least here in the United States, enjoy. The joy of giving gets us all into the spirit of Christmas.

Carl has also pointed out that our luncheon on November 12 (at 11:30) is also National Happy Hour Day. We meet at the Golden Corral in Manassas and they do not serve alcohol. After the meeting, however, I know of the quaint little place that is not too far from there.


Did you know that RUAEA just celebrated their Golden Jubilee? Carl attended along with 192 other retirees from other departments. He discovered that 'Flying Together' might not be the best place to find information when traveling offline. yETM will soon be the new site to visit when you are seeking flight information.

Bob O'Roark brought **Kristian Stroemsvik** as a guest speaker this month. Mr. Stroemsvik learned to fly in the Norwegian Air Force and is now a flight instructor at the Front Royal Airport. He and Bob recently flew two new airplanes across the country. Also, during the Q&A, we learned that another member, **Henry Ayres**, has his own plane and airport, its code is AICP (Ayres International Cow Pasture). Henry was our beloved Inflight coordinator and always good for a kind word and usually a good story or two.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank **Kerrie Schneider** for writing our local newsletter. While I try hard not to plagiarize her monthly column, she is such a good writer and is always so correct and complete with her minutes that sometimes it is hard not to follow her articles closely. (This article especially). Thanks Kerrie!

If ever you are in our area, please drop by. Our meetings are always the 2nd Wednesday and always a lot of fun.

NATIONAL



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From Uniform to United: Honoring the Veterans and Heroes of the Skies ➔ The world of aviation and the call to military service have always been deeply intertwined, and nowhere is this more evident than within the United Airlines family. As the largest U.S. airline, United has been built on the discipline, expertise, and leadership forged by thousands of brave men and women who have worn the uniform. With over 8,000 military veterans currently contributing their skills across various departments and functions — including many serving in leadership and executive positions — United's commitment to service is a foundational element of our DNA. This commitment is formalized through groups like our **United4Veterans (U4V) Business Resource Group**, which actively leverages company resources to support efforts to re-

cruit, develop, and retain qualified veterans. Beyond this incredible veteran population, we also honor the countless Flight Attendants who answered the call of duty on missions that extended far beyond the commercial route map. From the critical movements of the **MAC (Military Airlift Command)** and **CRAF (Civil Reserve Air Fleet)** charters to the emotionally profound refugee and humanitarian flights around the globe, these employees demonstrated a spirit of compassion and professionalism that defined United's role in world events. This article proudly recognizes those who served our nation and continue to serve the United name, highlighting the powerful legacy of dedication they bring to the skies every day.

A History Etched in Service

- I. The Strength of the Veteran Workforce ~ The successful integration of veterans into United Airlines is more than a hiring program; it's a strategic embrace of superior talent. The attributes honed during military service — leadership, discipline, adaptability, and an unyielding focus on safety and mission success — are the very foundations of commercial aviation.

Through the efforts of the **United4Veterans (U4V) Business Resource Group**, United actively cultivates a community where these skills are recognized, developed, and propelled into leadership roles. Whether in the specialized field of Technical Operations, where military maintenance experience is critical for fleet reliability, or in complex international operations, the training received by our veterans translates directly into a more efficient, safe, and professional airline. For our current employees who continue to serve in the National Guard or Reserves, United ensures they have the support and flexibility needed to honor their commitments to both their country and their company.

- II. Flight Attendants on the Front Lines: MAC, CRAF, and Humanitarian Missions ~ While our veterans bring a legacy of service from their time in the armed forces, the company's flight attendants have repeatedly answered a different, equally vital call to duty through various charter programs. Their service on **MAC (Military Airlift Command)** and the current **CRAF (Civil Reserve Air Fleet)** missions places them directly in the service of our nation's military. These flights are not standard commercial routes. They are critical logistics missions, often carrying troops to and from theaters of operation. United Flight Attendants on these missions provided more than just food and beverage service; they became a crucial source of morale, comfort, and human connection for service members who were either heading into harm's way or returning home after months away. Their professionalism under the pressure of these high-stakes charters upheld United's role as a trusted partner to the U.S. military.

Service That Never Retires: The Legacy of Clipped Wings ~ The spirit of service established during decades in the skies does not end at retirement. Our former and active Flight Attendants, organized as Clipped Wings, continue to

elevate the United legacy through extensive philanthropic and volunteer work focused squarely on supporting our nation's heroes.

Across the country, chapters of **Clipped Wings** dedicate countless hours to fundraising and volunteering for organizations that provide critical aid and comfort to military personnel, veterans, and their families. Their efforts are a vital force for good, supporting causes such as:

- ★ **The USO:** Providing comfort and a touch of home to active service members.
- ★ **Tunnel to Towers Foundation:** Delivering mortgage-free homes to Gold Star families and building smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans.
- ★ **Veterans Organizations:** Aiding local and national efforts to assist in veteran rehabilitation and assimilation.
- ★ **Troopers Assisting Troops and K9's for Warriors:** Sponsoring service dogs and providing therapeutic recreation to wounded veterans struggling with PTSD and other injuries.

This continuous commitment by Clipped Wings members demonstrates that the values of teamwork, mission focus, and profound compassion remain active, powerful forces long after their final flight, ensuring a lasting positive impact on the lives of those who served. I can personally speak to the joy I had when I met "Freeman" (named in memory of my husband, Bob Freeman,) for the first time at the K9 Training Center in Jacksonville, FL. In 2000, I lost my wonderful husband, an Army veteran and a Defense Contractor, to pancreatic cancer. I will be forever grateful to the members of my EWR Chapter of Clipped Wings as their very generous donation helped secure some of the final funding of a service canine to a brain injured veteran. I can truly say it was a very emotional meeting and I know that my husband would have been elated that what he and I started many years before his death my Clipped Wings chapter helped finish.

The Compassion of Refugee Charters ~ Perhaps the most profoundly human service rendered by our flight attendants has been on refugee and humanitarian charters around the globe. These missions transformed the aircraft cabin into a temporary haven for those fleeing crisis, where compassion was the most critical safety item on board. One of the most impactful assignments I have ever received in my 48 years of flying was the CRAF Activation of Operation Allies Refuge in 2021 which was an evacuation effort carried out by the United States during the 2021 Taliban offensive in Afghanistan ... the devil was at their backdoors as these refugees were running out of the front doors of their homes. They boarded our aircraft with nothing and we brought them to safety here in the United States.

- ▲ **A History of Compassion:** United and its flight attendants have participated in numerous historic evacuations, including the mass movement of refugees from Southeast Asia during and after the Vietnam War (such as those related to **Operation Baby-lift** or **Operation New Life**.)
- ▲ **A Unique Role:** On these flights, the crew's responsibilities expanded to that of nurse, caretaker, and translator. They provided comfort to terrified children, worked to secure fragile individuals, and

helped families take their first steps toward a new life. This dedication—going above and beyond the standard service to deliver kindness and stability during a moment of global upheaval—is a defining chapter in the history of United's Flight Attendant corps.

The stories of these charter missions are a testament to the fact that the United uniform represents not just an airline, but a commitment to global citizenship and humanitarian support.

A Lasting Legacy of Dedication ~ The collective contribution of United's veterans and the dedicated crews of its charter flights forms a powerful and enduring legacy of service. The discipline and commitment brought by our 8,000+ veterans are essential for maintaining the excellence of the world's largest airline, and the unparalleled compassion shown by our flight attendants on MAC, CRAF, and refugee missions embodies the very best of human spirit.

As members of the Retired United Airlines Employees Association (RUAEA), you are part of an organization that has directly contributed to this history. You served alongside these heroes, embodying the shared values of duty, resilience, and teamwork. By honoring the military veterans who now thrive in the United family, and by remembering the flight attendants who turned our aircraft into ships of mercy, we celebrate a heritage that makes us proud to be part of the United family.

Find a Chapter and Join the Momentum ~ The wings may be clipped, but the momentum of service remains unstoppable. We salute every Clipped Wings member who continues to log countless hours of dedication. Your second careers—the unsung ones—are truly your most inspiring.

If you are looking for volunteer events in your hometown, we encourage you to connect with us and explore a chapter near you:

- ★ Website: unitedclippedwingsinc.org
- ★ Facebook: Clipped Wings® Chat Corner (Crew Lounge)
- ★ Business Facebook: United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae & Flight Attendant, INC.
- ★ Instagram: [@clippedwingsual](https://www.instagram.com/clippedwingsual) ■



NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **October 2025**:

Sanjeev Damle, Tolland, CT
Ronald Dietzler, Meridian, ID
John Geremia, Hillsboro, VA
Mary Holtsberg, Northfield, IL
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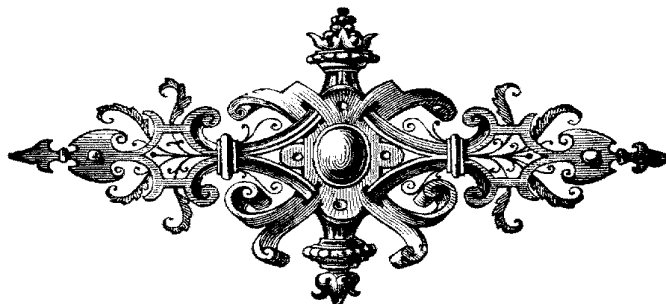
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Spouse – **Littlefield, Nellie, R.**, on 7/20/2007, SEAHH, wife of Thomas E. Littlefield and mother of Bonnie Renshaw of Lewiston, ID, Thomas E. Littlefield of Independence, OR, Richard Littlefield of Marina del Ray, CA and Dorothy Steel of Kent, WA; 12622 SE 270th, Kent, WA 98030

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Letters & Notes



We appreciate your letters and notes. Please keep them coming. Send them to:
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WE HAVE RECEIVED GREETINGS & THANKS FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

Pamela Dahle, Diane Douglas, Evan F. Holly, Robert (Bob) G. Kaczor, Vera M. Kina, Mary Anne Owen, Joyce Pfeiffer, and Janet L. Schmidt.

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.)

Burt Zastera, burtzas@comcast.net

I'm a RUAEA member ever since my retirement in 2019 after 41 years at United. This has been the fastest six years of my life. I enjoy reading the RUAEA updates on-line, especially the helpful info for retirees trying to contact the company.

My late father, **Lambert E. Zastera**, hired on with United in 1939 and retired in 1978. He was a RUAEA member as well. I've been digitalizing his 8mm home movies that he filmed several times at the airport. I'm thinking that this video should be of interest to RUAEA members.

Dad flew to Chicago to film United's first passenger bridge that they were testing to board DC-6's and DC-7's. The equipment, dubbed the "Aero-Gangplank" had been installed at O'Hare in March, 1958 and United tested it until November of that year. This may be the only video in existence of that contraption in operation.

For the second half of the video, Dad filmed United's aircraft being serviced in his own station, Idlewild, (now JFK) in New York. He used the film to introduce new ramp employees to procedures such as using guide men to position vehicles and hand-signaling the pilot. Also seen were Trans Canada Viscount, TWA Constellation, American Airlines DC-6 and National Airlines DC-6 and Convair 340 aircraft. (Video has sound).

If Dad was still around, I'd definitely have a few questions for him like, "Who were those two 'tomatoes', Pop?"

Link for the video: <https://youtu.be/Afzhf476Zwg?si=sXu58XaXXOwYphCE>

I've also recently posted this video on the "United Retired" Facebook page.

Irma Kay Weber, 2209 W. Baseline Ave., Lot 22, Apache Junction, AZ 85120-9508

I just want to thank the RUAEA staff for keeping us informed. I'm still in Apache Junction, AZ and I survived the great Arizona Haboob storm of 2025 as well as 116 degree temperature. I would love to hear from any UAL friends who are on vacation in this area.

Alan Stephenson, 4211 Misty Morning Way, Apt. 2202, Gainesville, GA 30506

Enclosed is my annual and some extra for the postal funds. Thanks for all your hard work in publishing the RUAEA Newsletter.

I've been retired now for 33+ years and doing well here in Georgia.

Notes

Eliza Vargas

I joined the SF Golden Gaters and am currently the secretary. I take the minutes of each board meeting.

Linda Weaver-Schutte

I would like to join RUAEA and receive the newsletter.

Mark Moreci

I am the surviving spouse of **Mark J Moreci**. I attend the UAL retiree groups and would like to become a member.

Vincent Malena

It's been a fast 27 years, retirement has been interesting. Norma and I are still doing ok, we spend our time in Florida and Ohio; approximately 6 months in

each. We hope to spend most of our time in Ohio, maybe next year!

Edward A. Naranjo

Ed will turn 91 in December and is still going strong. We look forward each month to our Newsletter to hear all the UA news from around the country.

Thank you for all the good work your team does.

John Geremia

Thanks so much for the opportunity to join! I look forward to connecting!

Kenith Pangelinan

I just joined the retirement life starting on June 15, 2025.

Sanjeev Damle

I am looking forward to being a member of RUAEA.

Margaret (Peggy) Griffin, CHI-ORD Clipped Wings President

My tenure as Clipped Wings National President ended last year. I am now the President of The Clipped Wings CHI-ORD Chapter, again. I just received the RUPA newsletter and read Capt. John Yackus' opening letter to the pilots.

I was unable to attend the reunion in Denver this year; however, Capt. John's letter was great and made me regret that I was not in attendance. Thanks to Ruth and her hard work, along with everyone who made the Denver gathering a success. And thanks to Capt. John for such an informative letter to the pilots. I am passing it along to my CW group. Perhaps they will want to join RUAEA after reading this letter.

Linda N. Sheffield

I want to re activate my membership and learn how to use my passes and list companions — I haven't used passes since the CO merger.■

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QUALIFICATIONS

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- AGE:** 20 through 26
HEIGHT: 5'2" to 5'9"
WEIGHT: In proportion to height (range from 105 to 140 lbs.)
MARITAL STATUS: Single
VISION: Glasses and contact lenses are acceptable if uncorrected vision with glasses does not exceed 20/100 or with contact lenses 20/200. Vision must be correctable to 20/30 or better.
EDUCATION: Must be high school graduate. College or nurse's training is very desirable.
WORK EXPERIENCE: Preference is given applicants who have worked in positions involving customer service.

TRAINING

Our Stewardesses complete a 5½ week training program at our modern, spacious Training Center located in suburban Chicago. During this period young women are instructed in a variety of subjects designed to prepare the Stewardess for her new responsibilities. In-flight training, emergency procedures, visual poise and appearance counselling are included in this concentrated program.

SALARY

During training United pays the full cost of housing and meals. Additionally, United provides an expense allowance of \$1 per day. Upon graduation, new Stewardesses average \$435 per month in salary. New Stewardesses receive base pay of \$345 for their first 70 hours of flying per month and \$9 per jet flight hour over 70 hours. (Maximum monthly flight hours are 85). In addition to salary Stewardesses receive a generous expense allowance for meals, limousine and uniform cleaning costs.

DOMICILES

Our Stewardesses live in a variety of locations:
New York, N. Y. Chicago, Ill.
Newark, N. J. Denver, Colo.
Washington, D. C. Los Angeles, Calif.
Miami, Florida San Francisco, Calif.
Seattle, Wash.

New Stewardesses are assigned to available domicile openings by preference bidding based on chronological age. After 12 months at the first domicile Stewardesses may transfer to other locations every 6 months.

ROUTE STRUCTURE

United is the largest United States commercial airline serving 112 locations in this country (including Hawaii) and Canada. Because of our domestic flying we require no foreign languages.



UNIFORMS

Our Jean Louis designed uniform ensemble is purchased by the new Stewardess while in training and most girls elect to pay by payroll deductions. United pays the full cost of any replacement uniforms that are needed due to wear or style change.

TRAVEL BENEFITS

New Stewardesses are immediately eligible for unlimited personal travel on United at 50% reduction. After one year, 4 free trip passes are available on United and this number increases with length of service. Employees earn a two week vacation after one year's service and receive a free vacation pass that is in addition to trip passes. Parents are also eligible for one free trip per year on United. On vacation, agreements have been reached with many international airlines so our employees may travel almost anywhere in the world for reduction up to 75%.

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