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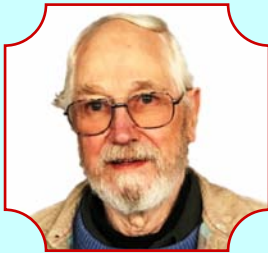


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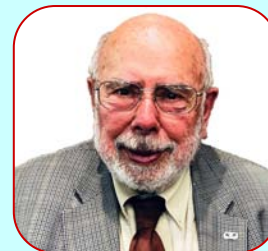
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GENERAL NEWS

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Denver Office and the RUAEA Team

During the pandemic, many persons find themselves working remotely. The RUAEA Denver office is considered the central focal point of RUAEA and has been ahead of the curve generated by the pandemic and other obstacles. For quite awhile, many members of the staff have been working from home; very few actually go into the office in Denver. While some of the names and faces may be familiar, others are not. These are the persons who work behind the scenes and many members are unaware of who they are and what they do. But they are very valuable to the organization.

Cas Spokas is the Membership Manager and Computer Expert extraordinaire. He is always available to help with the many computer issues that arise in the office and remotely for the newsletter. This is in addition to updating credit card payments and keeping the membership files accurate. He is also our Office Manager and works/coordinates activities with the Newsletter and Web Managers.

Many of you may recognize **Martha Gooselaw**. As our Letters Editor, her photo is in every issue of the newsletter. Those who write frequently, probably feel like she is a friend, even if you've never met her in person. She also is on the proofreading team. Every issue of the newsletter is proofread before being sent to the printer.

John Chu is a name the correspondents all recognize; his face not so much. John is a member of our newsletter team; his creative endeavors are enjoyed by thousands of us. Many accolades come to RUAEA concerning the Newsletter because of John's expertise. **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**, our Newsletter managers, would not think of doing the newsletter if John was not part of our team. They look forward to working with John throughout the month to accomplish each and every issue.

Our Newsletter Manager and Editor, **Francis & Veronica Domaratus**, being the main people that everyone turns to regarding the newsletter, do an outstanding job! They are very organized and in all the years they have been at the helm of the newsletter they have never missed a publishing deadline. They are very innovative, always looking for items to put in the newsletter to make it attractive and informative for our members.

Michael Malesardi, a.k.a. **Mal**, is the RUAEA Denver office secretary. He and with the help from his wife **Kathy** are responsible for taking care of all the mail that comes into the office; and making sure your addresses are accurate and in our mail files so you receive the newsletter. Mal also processes checks and enters the data into the

membership record. He also monitors the email that is relevant to membership issues and takes care of it. If you call the office, you may be lucky enough to speak with Mal. If you get voicemail, be sure to leave a message with your name, phone number, file number and the reason for the call.

We know many of you enjoy the website, RUAEA.org. Some of you have Internet access only for the RUAEA newsletter. Some get the printed as well as the online version. The website is managed by **Jim Sommerfield** and **Toni Van Kampen**. It provides members with a variety of topics and covers many important issues. Many of you enjoy the discounts which are mentioned there. They spend a lot of time making sure the site supplies the needs of the users.

Cleora Conner is well known to the Denver Mile Highers, Cleora and her husband **Richard** are the Denver Mile Higher Correspondents. However she is one of the volunteers who work behind the scenes as the RUAEA auditor. Cleora checks on the RUAEA operation to make sure it operates within its stated mission and meets all legal and financial guidelines per our By-Laws. We are fortunate to have Cleora with us!

Our Past President, now working in the Denver Office, **Virgil Gooselaw**, has been very organized, always forward looking and improving the office. Due to his efforts, we are now a 501-c3 nonprofit organization, and members can renew their dues online with a credit card. The newsletter is printed by a company in Denver; another Denver company applies the mail labels and takes the newsletters to the post office. Virgil is constantly thinking of ways to improve the organization and those of us who know of his dedication to RUAEA, appreciate all his efforts.

In appreciation of all our Volunteers
The Denver Office Team

The Writers' Column - A Brief Discussion of Lighthouses By George Midwin

Today we have technology to help us navigate from one part of the world to the other, using just hand held devices. However, that was not the case many years ago. Early mariners used the sun by day and the stars by night to find their way. As they neared the coast they used maps, developed through the years by previous sailors, to find the cities and harbors they sought. These maps proved to be an effective way to locate the general area they wanted, but lacked the specific details needed to avoid hazards, such as reefs and rocks.

Ships safely navigating a long journey across vast oceans would more often than not, end in distress just a very short distance from their destinations. This would result in loss of cargo and human lives. By the late

1700's solutions on how to provide ship captains relevant information as to not only location, but hazards surrounding ports, became a priority. Maps improved through the years, to identify coastal terrain and water hazards, however ships had to be close to shore to make clear identification as to their position. This too, led to disaster, as hazards suddenly appeared.



Thus the lighthouse was considered. This could send a beam of light out to the ocean and help guide the captain of a ship, staying clear of dangerous hazards. In the late 1700's, the United States government created the Lighthouse Service and began construction of lighthouses. Lighthouse keepers began manning the lights and continued until 1939, when this task was given over to the Coast Guard.

Lighthouses vary in types depending on their location. Areas relatively level with the water require a tall lighthouse, those located on cliffs can be lower. Areas of danger due to rocky shorelines require a lighthouse to be located directly above the hazardous area. Finally, where extreme danger exists and a lighthouse cannot be located, a lightship is anchored. Regardless of where the lighthouse was located, they all required personnel to operate them.

Although lighthouses may be of different types, some elements are the same. One in particular, the lens, the most important part of the lighthouse, is relatively the same. The first lenses were simple large slabs of glass, 5 inches thick. Poor techniques left impurities in the glass and created limited use. It wasn't until a French scientist invented a lens that would dramatically change the future of lenses. That lens became known as the Fresnel lens. This lens was much lighter than the original lenses, produced a much brighter light. It quickly became the lens for lighthouses in the US and around the world. This lens was essentially a series of prisms evenly spaced in a circular, vertical stack, with a bull's eye lens in the center. The prisms would multiply the light and focus it to the bull's-eye, where a beam would be formed. Their sizes were listed as 'orders', ranging from the largest as a 1st order to the smallest as 6th order. These were masterful pieces of engineering, with a 1st order over 8 feet tall and

weighing thousands of pounds. This lens could produce a beam of light over 20 miles out to sea.

The light for the lenses was produced by dozens of different types of devices, which operated in a similar manner; basically an oil lamp with a wick. This required the lighthouses to have large oil storage facility in close proximity to the lighthouse. This was especially true for those lighthouses in remote areas. You often see the storage facility when you look at photos of lighthouses. In addition, a large stock of wicks was necessary to ensure the light could be produced throughout the night, every night of every day.

The light that is produced by the lens and lamp, appears to be a flash when viewed at a distance. However, the lamp cannot produce a flash alone, as it burns continuously and the lens does not have a flap that moves, over it. The flash is produced by rotating the entire Fresnel lens about the oil lamp. As the lens rotates, the prisms having captured the light and focused it on the bull's-eye, continually produces a beam and when the bull's-eye reaches the front of the lighthouse, that beam can be seen by passing ships. With no electricity, the rotation of the lens is accomplished in the same manner of a grandfather clock. A series of weights is wound up and as they lower, move gears to rotate the lens, which rests on ball bearings.

If you're a mariner looking for a particular port, you consult a navigation map which provides numerous details as to the coast line. However at night, these would be difficult to ascertain and get an exact position as to where you are. The lighthouse then becomes the important aid the captain of a ship uses. Each lighthouse is unique, in how it can be identified, particularly at night. The number of flashes and color of light, in a given time frame is provided on navigation maps. As an example, the oldest continuously operating lighthouse in California is at Monterey. The navigation chart identifies this as "Oc. W 4s". This refers to an occulting (flash), White light every 4 seconds. As you can imagine, there are numerous identifiers for the myriad of lighthouses in the US.

Lighthouses were staffed with 'keepers,' 24 hrs a day, every day of the year. They were housed either in the lighthouse, or very close by. Some lived in very remote and inhospitable areas, often not seeing others for months. During the day they prepared for the night, winding the rotating mechanism, cleaning the lens, preparing a supply of wicks, carrying a nights worth of oil to the top of the lighthouse and ensuring the function of the light. Then staying up during the night, trimming the wick, maintaining the light, re-supplying the oil lamp and quickly repairing any issues that may arise. Not a task for ordinary people, but those that held the position understood the importance of their job and were proud to serve.

The large number of shipwrecks during the early years of shipping, led to the development of lighthouses.

These structures required dedicated personnel to manage the rudimentary technology. The result was the saving of countless lives. Today many of these lighthouses still exist and provide us an insight into their history. You can visit one to learn more.

Update on our return to JFK **February 12, 2021**



Back in November, we made an exciting announcement about our return to JFK (New York-Kennedy) this February.

Due to new travel restrictions and the continued impact of COVID-19 on customer demand, we are delaying the start of our service between JFK and our SFO and LAX hubs from February 1, 2021 until February 28, 2021. Despite the delay of a few weeks, we're still very much committed to our return to JFK after a five-year absence!

Initially, we will start with a slightly smaller schedule than originally planned, flying both SFO-JFK and LAX-JFK five times per week. We are eager to increase this schedule quickly, however, and expect to double our flying to 10 times per week by the end of March.

Throughout the pandemic, we've been a leader in nimbly reshaping our schedule, and we look forward to offering this convenient service and a best-in-class product from New York City to the West Coast in the coming weeks.

The new service will operate out of Terminal 7 using the reconfigured Boeing 767-300ER aircraft, offering customers an extended premium cabin featuring 16 additional United Business class seats – providing all-aisle-access seating – bringing the total premium cabin seat count to 46. The aircraft will also feature 22 United Premium Plus seats, 47 Economy Plus seats and 52 Economy seats.

Tickets are now available for purchase on United.com.

Aloha to new Hawaii routes! **February 12, 2021**



Dreaming of a tropical getaway? We're launching yet another direct flight from the mainland to Hawaii. On May 6, we will begin nonstop service from SNA (Orange County, Calif.) to HNL

(Honolulu).

The route joins two new additional routes between ORD and KOA (Kona) and between EWR and OGG (Maui) that begin June 3.

We're doing everything we can keep employees and customers safe during their travels. Our Travel-Ready Center helps clear up travel requirements and make the process as smooth as it can be. Additionally, our pre-clearance process allows travelers going to Hawaii to show their negative test results before boarding their flight and save time when they arrive on the islands.

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Our New Normal ~ As more and more businesses begin re-opening, travel increases and people plan long awaited vacations, and the world tries to return to some sense of “normal”, you may find yourself feeling anxious, unsure, or confused. Or maybe you are feeling a sense of relief, excitement, and happiness!

Whatever feelings you are experiencing, none of which are wrong by the way, one thing we can all collectively agree on is the world prior to March 2020 no longer exists. Our lives have been transformed in ways that we could not possibly have imagined. We are now forced to find that “new” normal. Maybe you are concerned about yours or a loved one's physical health, or maybe you are nervous about socializing after months of self-isolation. Whatever your reasons for feeling nervous about society starting up again are, it is not unusual – and you are not the only one.

Many people think that the word that refers to a state of being normal is “normalcy”. But “normalcy” did not assume its current meaning until Warren Harding used it (incorrectly) in a speech during his 1920 presidential election campaign. His slogan was “Return to Normalcy”, a plea to return to the way things were before World War I. From 1914 until 1919, the world suffered through a Great War and a horrific multiyear pandemic. People yearned for a “normal” world, i.e., one that resembled that before the war, and that is what Harding promised. Harding won the 1920 election with >60% of the popular vote and with 404 electoral votes. At the time, it was the most lopsided victory since the advent of the two-party system. People simply yearned for “normalcy”, again, and we were willing to listen to anyone who promised that.

As restrictions are lifted and our freedom returns, some of us are surprised to find we are not quite as excited for things to go back to ‘normal’ as we thought we would be. In fact, we are feeling kind of anxious about life post-lockdown (and not just because we will need to

wear shoes and sit in traffic again). Here are some tips to help you through this time of transition:

Start Small and Take it Slow: Some people cannot wait to pour into bars and restaurants and kick-start their social calendars, but if that is not you, that is okay! Give yourself time to get back to a life where you left the house and saw other humans. Socialize slowly with just a few friends at a time. Visit quieter cafés and restaurants before hitting up the hot spots.

Consider Your New Priorities: For some people, self-isolation was the catalyst for self-discovery. It forced us to pause and look at how we spent our time, energy, and money when things were “normal”. Maybe you do not miss the things you thought you would? Maybe you would rather socialize in the outdoors than on a night out? Maybe you have realized how much you value alone time? Now’s the time to create new priorities and habits than align with the life you want to live moving forward.

Talk About Your Fears: Literally everyone in the world has been impacted by this. If you are feeling anxious or finding it hard to adapt to the latest lift in lockdown restrictions, chances are some of your friends, colleagues, family members, and neighbors are too. The coronavirus is sure to be a key topic of conversation in many social circles for a while and talking about your fears and concerns may help you understand and process things. We have been on lockdown for months, and it is going to be a big adjustment to go back to “normal life”. So, don’t feel pressured to jump right back into exactly how things were before. Find your “new normal”.

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So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

By the time you are reading this month’s recipe, we hope to be traveling in our RV. This recipe will be one I make on the road as it is easy and dinner will be ready after a day of touring or relaxing. It is one of our favorites and hope that you agree.
Slow Cooker Crock Pot Soup:

1 small onion, diced
3 large carrots, peeled and chopped
2 celery ribs, chopped
8 oz. baby portabella mushrooms, sliced
4-6 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon beef bouillon or 1 cube beef bouillon
1½ pounds beef stew meat
6 cups beef broth
2 cups wide egg noodles,
Place all ingredients in a 6 quart slow cooker except egg noodles.

Cover with lid and cook on Low for 8-9 hours or on High for 5-6 hours.

Stir in egg noodles. Cover and cook on High for 15 minutes or until noodles are tender.

Note: You may peel and cut your vegetables the day before and put into a plastic bag. The next day you only have to put other ingredients together and cook.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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

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

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

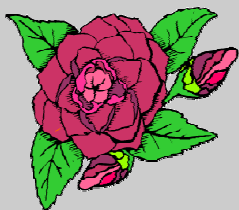
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**Happy
Easter!**



LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



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Our Birmingham chapter meets 3 times yearly but due to the Covid virus, we are still reluctant to meet at a restaurant. With more of our members getting the vaccine, we hope to meet again in June. For more information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or email me at autiger@centurytel.net.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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

We meet for Breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month at Tivoli Gardens. Anyone in town is welcome. Please call **Sherry Muoio** in advance, if you wish to join us, (623) 572-4828.



PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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Happy Easter To All! This is a beautiful time of the year to be in Arizona. We sure can't complain about the weather here. It won't be long before the Snowbirds will be heading out, but, hopefully they will return later in the fall.

We heard from **John Smiley's** wife around the middle of February that he was taken by ambulance to a local hospital and after being sent home for a couple of days,

he returned to another hospital for a blood clot in his leg. Cards can be sent to him and **Donna** at 813 W. Calypso, Gilbert, AZ 85233. We hope you have a speedy recovery, John, and look forward to seeing the both of you soon.

We also received an e-mail from our former member, **Jeanette Kostecki**, advising us that her husband **Vic** died February 3. Jeanette worked in CHIRR. When she retired, she and Vic moved to Payson, AZ. Sympathy cards can be sent to **Jeanette Kostecki**, 719 W. Forest Drive, Payson, AZ 85541.

Our members got together for the first time in a very long time on March 16th at the Fountain of The Sun and their restaurant called the Birdies. **John & Joanne Grif-fin**, who live there, made the arrangements for the luncheon. They were able to seat 30 of us out in the patio. We were able to order our own meal from the menu and pay our own individual bills, which was really nice. We had to wear our masks. It was so nice to see our members once again, as it has been a year since we last got together. Hopefully, by this fall, we will be able to get back to "normal", and be able to meet for Breakfast and Lunch every month.

We have the following members having a birthday in April: **Dot Kuspis, Ron Paluch, Kris Schaeffer, Lynn Hubbard, Chuck Strohmaier, and Orland Baldwin**. Enjoy your birthdays! Two couples are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in April, **Olga & Oscar Aguilar** and **Bill & Shirley Eaton**. Congratulations to both couples!

Stay well, get your shots, and continue to wear your masks! Keep in touch with our officers and let us know what you are doing these days.



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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.



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

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Next meeting, time and place TBD



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After waiting 4 weeks, we got our 2nd vaccine shot. I understand that after this 2nd shot, to wait 3 weeks and then we can pretty much relax our closeness with friends and relatives, but masks are still required. Our first encounter for the vaccine was a little confusing. The shots were given in a parking lot of a medical facility in a congested neighborhood where parking was limited. We were early so we sat in the car until it was our time. We noticed that the group ahead of us left and then they sanitized the area before letting us in. After that we were treated very well and we waited 15 minutes before leaving in case we had a reaction. We went for our 2nd vaccine shot that was given at a high school gym with plenty of handicap parking. We stayed in our car and they came to us. We were about 10 minutes ahead of our appointment but they took us anyway and we were taken care of within 10 minutes. So now after about 3 weeks we can relax a little.

There is no word from some of our members so I'm hoping they are staying safe as we are. I do hear from our President **Mike Zoldak**. He and his wife **Bridget** keep in contact. It was also good to hear from **Bob Stanger**. Both he and **Marcia** were getting their 2nd vaccine shots and so far they are staying healthy. Bob told me that he read about me getting my driver's license and he did the

same thing. So we know the renewal works without a driver's test or written exam and we know the license is good for 5 years.

My granddaughter called from Luxembourg where she and her family live to tell me that she is going to have operation on her thyroid. I asked her how confident she was with a foreign doctor and she said he was well recommended. She also said that the doctors wear an identification tag that shows country's flags that indication what language they speak. What a great idea!

I remember back before the Jet Age, there were some Stewardesses I knew that would give announcements like this and no one complained: "On landing, the stewardess said, 'Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have.'"



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I was a CSR (Customer Service Representative) in LAX, and this story happened probably in the 60's: I was working an outbound flight at a (Finger) Gate. The building was an oval shape, and the four "Corner" Gates were called Finger Gates. There was no Jetway, so the passengers had to go downstairs to the ground level, and board the aircraft on the stairs, driven to the aircraft by Ramp Service.

This gate was also used for passengers who were making connections from United to other carriers, and from other Carriers to United. Their transportation was by bus.

I had made my "Boarding" announcement, 15 minutes before departure schedule, and now it was time to get my paperwork for the Flight Attendants, go to the plane, make my onboard announcement to the passengers (this flight is going to such and such. If your destination was not mentioned, you are on the wrong flight.)

As I got to the bottom of the plane stairs, the Flight Attendant appeared at the door, and said, "Where are the passengers?" I said, "I boarded 15 minutes ago." She countered with, "Well, nobody came on board". Just at that time, here comes the Airport Bus (which goes to all airlines, picking up and dropping off passengers making connections). Apparently, when I made my Boarding Announcement, the first person down the stairs, saw the Bus, and somehow the passengers were to go on a bus to their flight. Never mind that the plane was right in front of them.

This time the passengers all got on the right “transportation”. And Passenger Service was charged with a delay!



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Hello again to everyone in RUAEA Land from the San Francisco East Bay. I hope you all are doing well and are looking forward to Spring. It's a much needed time of hope and rebirth. Overnight, crocus and daffodils sprung up in my garden. I was late pruning my roses and didn't finish until February 28. When I look closely at my roses, I am amazed at their desire to grow and bloom after going dormant and sleeping over the winter. They are already leafing out and now I am doing “finger pruning,” snapping off shoots growing inward or too close to another shoot.

A friend recently asked me how many roses I have. I told her “about 50.” I belong to the local rose society and pretty much everyone knows exactly how many roses they have and can name every rose in their garden. It had been a while since I counted my roses, and lo and behold, I have 66! No wonder it took me longer than expected to prune them all. So how did I end up with all these new roses? Oh that's right ... I won two at rose society raffles last year before Covid, I inherited three from people who were downsizing their garden, I bought two new bare root roses this January, and one was left over from a rose giveaway our society did for local children.

Two roses that mean the world to me are ‘My Sunshine’ and ‘Bijou.’ My previous Miniature Poodle was named Soleil, which means Sunshine in French. ‘My Sunshine’ is a yellow miniature single because it only has five petals. My current Miniature Poodle is named Bijou. I inherited my ‘Bijou’ rose from a man who was downsizing from 1000 to 500 roses. My friend in rose society knew this man and got the rose for me. ‘Bijou’ is a beautiful pink polyantha introduced in 1932. I don't think it's in commerce anymore so I feel very lucky to have it.

It is so wonderful to see the Covid vaccine becoming available and to see the number of new cases and deaths decreasing. “Did you get your vaccine yet?” is the first thing people are asking each other these days. My second shot was February 17. Most of my friends my age or older have had no reaction or just a mild one. Just like clockwork, 24 hours after the shot, I ran a low grade fever and had a mild headache. I felt fine the next day but the red area on my arm lasted for several days. The younger

people are having the strongest reactions. My Physical Medicine doctor was flat on his back for two days. His parents, who are my age (scary), had no reaction and really gave him a hard time. Ha ha!

Ken Price has another memory to share with us: A little History between United and Continental Airlines. In the early days of the introduction of the DC-10 Aircraft, United had a Turbine Engine Shop (SFOPA) which had been tooled to repair/overhaul the GE CF-6 Engine, which powered both airlines DC-10's.

Continental did not have this capability but they could handle the airframe work. As my department was in the business of maintenance sales, Continental engine repairs seemed to be a good sales opportunity. Contact was made with Continental management in Los Angeles. They were in need of an agreement for engine work and would listen to what United had to offer. After some time of offers and counter offers we were able to work out an agreement.

At that time the DC-10 Aircraft required an “A Check” every 25 hours and United was accomplishing the work in LAXMM. Continental offered, let us do your A Checks in LA and we will send our engines to United SFOPA for work. There are a lot more A Checks than engine work but engines generate more revenue so it was agreed that Continental would handle United LAX DC-10 A Checks using United Job Cards. However, the Maintenance Job Cards between the two companies were very different so it was a huge task to instill the United terminology into the Continental maintenance minds. At last it was all completed and the two companies, on a Maintenance level, were somewhat merged.

Book Corner. I finished The Book of Lost Friends and I enjoyed it very much. It's based on actual “Lost Friends” advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as newly freed slaves desperately searched for loved ones who had been sold away.

The next book I'll be reading for my DAR book club is America's First Daughter by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie. As Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Patsy Jefferson becomes his helpmate, protector, and constant companion in the wake of her mother's death, traveling with him when he becomes America's minister to France. It is in Paris that fifteen-year-old Patsy learns of her father's troubling liaison with Sally Hemings, a slave girl her own age. In the years to come, as scandal, tragedy and poverty threaten her family, Patsy must decide how much she will sacrifice to protect her father's reputation, in the process defining not just Jefferson's political legacy but that of the nation he founded.

California Reservoir Levels. If you like to dance, this would be a great time to start doing Rain Dances. Many of California's reservoirs are far below historical average. Most people are not aware that the entire state is in a severe drought situation because the news has been so focused on the pandemic.

The American Geosciences Institute tracks reservoir levels and provides daily updates at: <https://www.americangeosciences.org/critical-issues/maps/interactive-map-water-levels-major-reservoirs-california>. For example, as of March 6, Shasta is at 50% of capacity, which is only 67% of historical average for this date. Folsom is at 36% capacity, which is 62% of historical average. We need to get A LOT more rain to catch up to historical average.

Here is a heads up to all dog and cat owners: Warning about Seresto flea and tick collars. Since Seresto flea and tick collars were introduced in 2012, the EPA has received incident reports of at least 1,698 related pet deaths. Through June 2020, the agency has received more than 75,000 incident reports related to the collars, including nearly 1,000 involving human harm. However, the EPA has done nothing to inform the public of the risks.

The Center for Biological Diversity, a nonprofit organization that watchdogs the EPA as part of its work to protect endangered species, obtained the documents through a public records request and provided them to the Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting.

The EPA is in charge of regulating products that contain pesticides. The agency has known about these incidents for years but has not informed the public of the potential risks associated with this product, said Karen McCormack, a retired EPA employee who worked as both a scientist and communications officer. McCormack said the collars have the most incidents of any pesticide pet product she's ever seen.

To read the full article, go to <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2021/03/02/seresto-dog-cat-collars-found-harm-pets-humans-epa-records-show/4574753001/>

And here is this month's heartwarming wildlife rescue story about the Sea Turtle Rescue in Texas: South Padre island in Texas is a resort on the Texas-Mexico border. It is also the home of Sea Turtle, Inc., a nonprofit whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and release injured sea turtles; educate the public; and assist with conservation efforts for all marine turtle species.

In mid February, a rare cold front from the Arctic caused temperatures in Texas to plunge into the teens. Cold-blooded animals like sea turtles rely on ambient heat to regulate their body temperatures, and when the water dips below 50 degrees Fahrenheit—rare around South Padre Island—sea turtles' heart rates slow, rendering them paralyzed but conscious. This is known as a cold-stun event. "They know they should be flapping their fins and raising their heads to breathe. All of those instincts are happening, but their body isn't fulfilling its instincts," says Wendy Knight, executive director of Sea Turtle, Inc.

Across the state, more than 7,000 cold-stunned turtles have been recorded. This is the largest cold-stunning event documented in the United States since the National

Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) started keeping records in 1980. Before the mass rescue effort, tanks at Sea Turtle, Inc., held 38 sea turtle patients and five resident turtles, including Allison, a green turtle, and Fred, a loggerhead, each with only one flipper. When the center's power went out on Monday at 2AM, the water temperature in the tanks dropped. Staff had to remove them from the water and place them in bins and on tarps. The organization put out a plea for help and engineers at the nearby SpaceX center in Boca Chita leaped into action. They arrived at the rescue center after midnight on Wednesday "with the single largest generator I've ever seen in my life," Knight says. "And at 1:30AM, I sat in the parking lot and watched them turn the lights on."

What the residents of South Padre Island did to save the turtles is downright amazing. The whole town sprang into action to rescue turtles from the ocean and beaches and then transport them to Sea Turtle Inc. and the town's convention center. And most of the turtles are HUGE. The articles on the rescue show several men carrying one turtle.

The rescue started in the ocean. Over the weekend, boaters in commercial vessels and dinghies patrolled the frigid waters, collecting hundreds of cold-stunned turtles that had floated to the surface. By Tuesday, turtles started washing up on the beach, a clear sign they were in distress. Gina McLellan, a longtime volunteer with Sea Turtle, Inc., went down to the beach and loaded up dozens of turtles in her Subaru station wagon to bring them to help. Dozens of other residents did the same. It took at least 10 men to hoist one turtle, bigger than 400 pounds and at least 150 years old, onto a flatbed truck. On Tuesday afternoon, McLellan says, there was a 400-yard line of cars outside the convention center, each car bearing turtles. That line never stopped until six in the evening. Whether [cars] had one turtle or 200, they just waited," McLellan says. Knight says she's been in awe at the outpouring of support from South Padre Island residents. "We have people who have not had power or water in their own homes in three to four days working 15 to 18 hours a day to save turtles. The gas stations are now out of gas, and the grocery stores are out of water, and people are still showing up". Rescued sea turtles of all ages and sizes were everywhere. "Ev-er-y-where," Knight says. About 500 of them, still unmoving, were on tarps at the rescue center. They filled every foot of floor space, including in the gift shop. Another 4,400—mostly green, Kemp's Ridley, and loggerhead sea turtles—were at the island's convention center. "We had at least one and a half football fields' worth of turtles in the building."

The following weekend, Sea Turtle Inc. announced on Facebook that they had successfully released over 2,200 turtles into the now-warmed waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The video of the turtles sliding down the boat's ramp into the sea was the perfect end to all of San Padre Island's work.

Sources: <https://news.yahoo.com/thousands-cold-stunned-turtles-rescued-002749215.html>
www.seaturtle.org
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/nearly-5000-sea-turtles-rescued-from-freezing-waters-on-texas-island>

Until next month, take care and do everything you can to stay healthy!



GOLDEN GATERS

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Spring has sprung around here, the trees are in full bloom and we are hoping for rain. We are still in teeter-totter land, yes or no, up or down, do this, don't do that – some stores are open, we can eat outside or inside at our floundering restaurants, some states say they don't need masks (I guess they haven't seen statistics regarding how beneficial they are in curbing the virus.) Various schools are gradually opening and I wish the libraries could open their doors. And ... we get to "spring forward" this month. This means we can stay longer in our Irish Pubs and drink Green Beer as St. Paddy is celebrating driving the snakes out of Ireland. (Similar story – the mongoose was brought into Hawaii to get rid of the snakes – Hawaii did not have snakes but the mongoose population didn't know that so they multiplied. I guess the thought was that the snakes swam to Hawaii – one wonders what swim stroke they used? Back-stroke, Butterfly, Breast – I don't think they don't have those.) Where were those clever Menhunes' – they would have solved the whole problem? They must have been doing the Hula in the Taro fields.

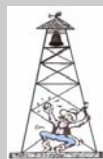
The Golden Gaters Board members met not long ago – still no word when we will be able to hold our meetings again. Our meeting place is still closed, restrictions still apply in the local restaurants, so we just go month-by-month. We will let everyone know when and where we will gather together again (the Foster City Rec. Center is a good venue for us as there is ample parking, the room/kitchen nearby and the scenery is lovely.) Can't beat that! Hang in there folks, we miss our fellowship.

Some sad news from the group – three very long-time members have passed away. **Deanne Henning** was in a facility in the San Diego area for several years. She worked at the SFO MOC for years. **MaryLou Hulsey** (we saw her last in March 2020) passed away very suddenly. And **Virginia Sault**, who had moved to the Morgan Hill area south of San Jose to be close to her family. She lived a long and fun-filled life – she was the life of

the party, 99 years young, and missed by the membership as she provided laughter, dandy parties and always brought a smile to us all. Not many years ago, her Christmas card was a "hoot" – she was posed - all dressed in black leather, helmet, boots, gloves (and probably a "kidney belt") standing next to her black "Harley" – ready to take on the world. (She was denied membership in the Hells Angels – she was too tame!) Rest in Peace dear ones – you are sorely missed. Our hearts go out to their families. Lots of fond memories to look back upon. Speedy recovery to Linda Barrett – glad you are back home from the hospital.

Our thanks go out to **Dale Harper** for forwarding UAL musings and a "way to go" to the crew on the Denver to Honolulu flight, "cool head, maintain" was the motto for the day! They did that in spades! And, especially, a Big Thank you to the RUAEA Newsletter gang. You keep us informed and up-to-date – sadly we cannot give you a big raise this year ... not to fear, we might be able to next year. Take care of one-another, keep in touch with those you love (and, maybe, those you don't,) stay well, wear that mask, and if you didn't know – Okole Ma Luna means "Bottoms UP!"

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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*Roses are Red
Violets are Blue
Covid-19, I'm so
done with YOU!*

Okay, so I'm not much of a poet, but you get the point! I don't think any card company will be beating down my door to come write for them! Since February is the "Month for/of Love", what kind of traditions do you have for Valentine's Day? Are you sentimental? Love the opportunity to go out for a nice dinner? Flowers? Cards? Candy?

Well, several of you chose this special month to tie the knot! Sending out a big Happy Anniversary to: **Jerry & Dolores Avallone, Bob & Dorean Ames, Joe & Jeanette D'Amico, Bill & Pati Kenney, Oscar & Joyce**

Olivera, and **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram**. Every year that we have to spend with someone we love is special and precious – I just want you to know how picking someone you not only love but like is so important. I don't have the number of years for two of these couples, but I'm going to give you the number for four of them. Try 40, then jump to 56, reverse that number to 65 and top it all off with 73! Not their ages, but the number of years that they have supported each other with love, fun, concern, and the ever so important, patience! Kudos to all of you!

Birthdays are so much fun to celebrate too! I just don't know when everyone has one! So, sending out another big wish for those with a personal day in February – Happy Birthday, and many more!

Our esteemed president, **Bill Dinette**, sent me a bit of info to share with all of you: After a little research, Bill came up with this info for those of us who still do a little traveling. He did not check on any travel restrictions associated with these travel destinations, but figures if anyone is interested they can check out all requirements necessary.

Beginning (this past) December, Barbados will join the list of exciting tropical destinations UAL serves! Yup, there are two new once weekly seasonal routes from EWR and IAD to Barbados (BGI). Barbados is the 22nd Caribbean destination UAL will serve nonstop from the United States and our fifth new international destination beginning this year. This summer, UAL also plans to start service between EWR and JNB (Johannesburg, So. Africa); IAD and ACC (Accra, Ghana) and LOS (Lagos, Nigeria), and between SFO and BLR (Bangalore, India). Thank you, Bill, for keeping us up on current changes. Hopefully it won't be much longer until we can move about the world again.


Tom Kenny, our wonderful treasurer, let me know that our bank balance is "holding". This reflects dues that have already been sent, received and deposited. However, there is still a large number of Hangtown Miners who have not sent in their annual dues yet. I realize that it's a whole lot easier to just pass along those dues when we are at a monthly luncheon/meeting. Since we aren't able to host those yet, please be sure to send a check for \$10.00 - made out to Hangtown Miners to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 96557. I realize that we all have things that keep us busy, so I'm asking that you add one more thing to your "to do" list! Send in your annual dues – today. We have 39 active members – only 15 have sent in their dues for 2021.

Suzanne Kenny has had a few cards to send out. Sue tries to keep up with all of you, but touching bases can be difficult sometimes. If you have anything to share or know of another member who may have something we can help with or just reach out to, please let her know. You can reach her by email at tck46@flash.net or phone at (530) 626-5660. As mentioned last month, **Bill Gibson**

had a spine operation and he is doing well. **Rosemary Heier** broke a toe and is also doing okay. **Judy Fitzpatrick** had back surgery in December, and we understand that she is recovering well under **Jack's** supervision! Unfortunately we have some sad news to share. One of our members, **Bob White**, has passed away. Bob was so friendly and kind, soft spoken and helpful. Our thoughts, prayers and condolences are yours, **Carol**. If there's anything you need help with, please let us know.

Here we are charging thru yet another month and we still don't have any idea when our group of fun people is going to be able to get together again. "Things" are beginning to open up, but not for indoor dining – yet! It's just a tad bit too cold to do outdoor seating/dining ... and besides they don't want folks sitting close. That said, March will also be a bust for our monthly luncheon/meeting. Keeping fingers crossed that maybe April will finally get us back into the swing of things – after a full year of not!

Okay, that's about it – remember to send in your annual dues, let **Suzanne Kenny** know if anyone needs help or if there's good news to share. Keep wearing your mask when you're out and about – did you ever think you'd enjoy going to the grocery store? Eat your veggies, give each other a hug, don't get too hooked on those computer games and know that we are strong and we will be just fine! Hugs to all.

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We have no meeting for this month but I hope everyone is getting their Covid vaccinations. Rumors around here are that things may be opening up soon and eating places will ask for proof of vaccination. No dates on this yet but be ready to go. Do not want to turn away at the door if that turns out to be true.

There are Birthdays this month: **Angela Derrick** (4/15), **Farid Zamani** (4/20) and **Suzanne Georgi** (4/27).

Spring brings gardening season, weather permitting, to many parts of the country and I am going to write again about plants. With some interesting facts I will share with you, it will give you a head start on your planting season.

Did you know that plants smell? Plants emit odors that humans and animals are attracted to, but they also sense their own odors and those of the neighboring plants around them. They know when their neighbor has been cut by a gardener's shears or when a neighbor is being eaten by a ravenous bug. A plant's range of smell is lim-

ited but highly sensitive and communicates information to the living organism.


Plants are removed from our understandings of the olfactory because they do not have a nervous system. Plants have the ability to perceive odor or scent through stimuli. The ancient Egyptians would open a few figs to get an entire bunch to ripen. In ancient China people would burn incense in a storage room of pears to get them to ripen. In the 20th century, Florida farmers were sure that heat induced the ripening. Imagine their disappointment when they plugged in electric heaters and the fruit didn't ripen. Back in 1924, a scientist determined that kerosene smoke contains minute amounts of ethylene, a molecule, and that treating a plant with this does induce ripening. The incense the Chinese burned contained amounts of ethylene in the smoke and makes for a rapid ripening. The Egyptians allowed the ethylene to escape when they opened their figs which emit ethylene.

When you put a ripe banana in a bag with a hard pear, the banana gives off ethylene which is smelled by the pear which quickly ripens. Some of you may have put an orange, pear or some other fruit in a bag for a couple of days to ripen.

Let us hope that we will be able to get together in the near future. Contact me if you have any questions about our Resans group.

Calendar:

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

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


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Let's hope, maybe there is light at the end of this long dark tunnel. I am hoping that this article finds everyone safe and in good health. At this time, I have no news to report. I hope everyone has had their vaccine and I'm sure we are all praying for Covid to go away so our lives can get back to normal.

As a reminder to all, if you are planning to travel anywhere, be sure to check on the Covid requirements before you go. You would hate to go on a trip and then have to be in quarantine for two weeks when you arrive. Do your homework first. We all have to keep wearing our masks, wash our hands, and practice social distancing. And that's on an airplane and in the terminals.

Our chapter is hoping to be able to gather again in April for a luncheon meeting. It will be wonderful to see everyone and get together. Please everyone take care of yourselves and stay safe.

If anyone would like any information about our chapter, please contact our president, **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210, and he will be able to give you the information about our chapter. We are a small group of very friendly people and we would love to see you.

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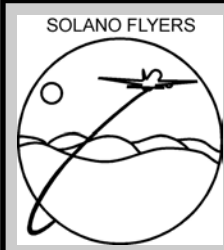
Our fearless leader **Chuck Clayborn** has been very diligent about holding two Zoom meetings a month. Each time we do this more members connect on line. Our last meeting had 19 members in attendance, even though some were for a brief time. **Tony Urso** connected all on his own, now we just need to get **Jean Jenkins** to connect with us. Speaking of Jean, we understand from **Bob Mattscheck** that she is doing as well as can be expected. Chuck mentioned how he misses her comments while reviewing 'This Day in History'. **Dave Garland** joined us at our last meeting, with his lovely wife **Robin** making a quick appearance. Nice to see **Alex & Margie Klaus** join us from Las Vegas. Taking time away from estate sales were **Ben & Cheri Scales**, who connected via their new iPad, which they purchased after losing the old one, which later was found. **Ted Boone** has connected via Zoom and it was great to have him participate. Slowly, our group is getting comfortable using Zoom, although we all look forward to meeting in person.

Most of the conversation these days is around the virus vaccination, "did you get your shot?" Surprisingly many members have been able to get the first and some the second shot. Stories are told about the long wait some have had to endure and yet the ease that others had. Regardless, everyone is pleased that they have been able to get vaccinated. Despite the rate decreasing at which people are contracting the virus in our county, officials here defy the decree from the Supreme Court to permit limited indoor gatherings, particularly for religious meetings. So

we still have to follow restrictions implemented at the height of the pandemic. We expect that to change soon as the issue is back in the courts.

We enjoyed the discussion regarding United's decision to invest in upcoming electric airplanes. Although slated for very short distances and limited capacity, this could be a very lucrative prospect for the future of aviation. Kind of reminds me of the Jetsons. How this will work in high density areas is yet to be seen and may need to have tall structures, like the Jetsons to land on.

Some of my friends, affected by the layoffs at the MOC in SFO, took transfer to Houston to keep their jobs. Unfortunately, as they were getting situated in their new location, were hit by the recent freeze. Bursting pipes created an uninhabitable situation and another move of their belongings. We wish them well as they struggle to keep their jobs.

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*One dark-bright night,
Two dead men got up to fight,
Back to back they faced each other
Drew their swords and shot each other*

... this ditty makes as much sense as the entire world events that now surrounds us ...

February meeting was scheduled for an outside cold dining at Raul's Striper Cafe, in Fairfield. We arrived at the address and discovered that Raul's was sold and is now known as Your Town Café, but the restaurant retained the same menu and cook; so we will return.

Attending the meeting, we find **Bill & Joanne Blizard, Jim Ellison, Richard Cox, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Diosnel & Luci Perez**, and our charismatic VP **Allan Pochop**, who called the meeting to order.

As we had not had a meeting in many months, we were all glad to be back together.

Richard Cox was presented a POTUS Trump medalion, from VP Pochop, Richard was so appreciative and ecstatic receiving this collectable that he purchased the VP's meal. Generous Friendship!

Members signed a Get-Well card for **Harold Mitchell**, we are all very sad to hear the news that he has pancreatic cancer, and has undergone chemo treatment, following radiation.

With limited membership, we did not have a 50/50 drawing; this decision gave the VP a hissy-fit.

To get our chapter back on schedule, it was decided to have an open year with no fee chapter membership

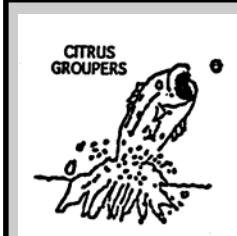
drive, with the Chapter paying for the meal at our next meeting. As they have not approved indoor dining, it is expected to be approved March 9 or 10; so we will verify on Monday, 3/15th and generate an email to all members if this is a go or a hold for March 17, at Buds Restaurant, 100 S. First St., Dixon, CA; (707) 678-4745.

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

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The Real McCoys have been keeping a close watch on the vaccine rollout and, since **all of us** are at least 65, most of us have gotten both our shots successfully! Yay ☺

The Board of Directors (and we use that term loosely) has booked the picnic gazebo at Cypress Grove Park for our normal annual picnic ... AKA our return to normal April Picnic!

In this “new normal”, we are asking that you bring your own bag lunch and drink. Folks who want to sit together can certainly arrange to bring lunch to share with their group. The pavilion will be open for all retirees and their spouses/guests from 11am – 3pm on Tuesday, April 6th. Address: 290 Holden Avenue, MCO 32839, (407) 254-6770.

Remember: *We all need to wear our masks when we are not eating or drinking!*

Protect each other today and just maybe we can start to meet monthly again ☺


Last month, we shared info on the C-NILE Virus and the D-NILE Virus.

Since youngsters of today have their own texting codes (LOL, OMG, TTYL, IMAO, etc.), not to be out-done, Oldies have gotten together and produced their own:

ATD ... At the Doctors;
BFF ... Best friend's funeral;
BTW ... Bring the wheelchair;
BYOT ... Bring your own teeth;
FWIW ... Forgot where I was;
GHA ... Got heartburn again;
ICHI ... I can't hold it;
TFT ... Texting from toilet.

Maybe we should have a contest to come up with some more creative codes? Only problem might be **remembering** them, right. More C-NILE VIRUS ...

Have you seen the new Nestle's Expresso Semi-Sweet Morsels? This isn't a joke ... I bought them today. I'm gonna make a batch of cookies tonight! For **break-fast**, with my morning coffee. Add that to your ½ gallon of favorite ice cream at night ... Ain't life grand!



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





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Sad to say, the Sand Dollars are still unable to plan any of our monthly luncheons, even though this is high season in Florida and we think many of our members have now made it back down here. But, vaccines are becoming more readily available and prospects for coming out of lockdown are beginning to look somewhat better.

While we wait patiently, hopefully the following will keep us smiling. Puns for Pun Lovers:

- ☺ Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.
- ☺ What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.
- ☺ Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
- ☺ Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.
- ☺ If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
- ☺ Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
- ☺ A commander walks into a bar, and orders everyone around.
- ☺ I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
- ☺ Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.
- ☺ How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
- ☺ I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.
- ☺ My friends and I have named our band "Duvet". It's a cover band.
- ☺ I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.
- ☺ Why is "dark" spelled with a 'k' and not a 'c'? Because you can't see in the dark.
- ☺ Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.
- ☺ When I told my contractors I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.
- ☺ Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."
- ☺ Prison is just one word to you, but to some people it's a whole sentence.
- ☺ Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.

- ☺ I'm trying to organize a hide-and-seek tournament, but good players are really hard to locate.
- ☺ I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.
- ☺ What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.
- ☺ I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls were, and he replied, "Aisle B, back."
- ☺ What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.
- ☺ I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.

So with those wise words to cheer us, we look forward to returning to our monthly get-togethers, and if any new retirees are coming to our part of Florida we hope you will contact **Ginger Hyde** for information about our group. Her email is ASDIP920@aol.com, or phone: (941) 360-6671.



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on March 1st at IHOP with 8 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. We welcomed back **Frank & Helen Kacer**, we haven't seen them since last year. It was good to see our members.

Birthdays ~ **Jon Wilkinson** (3/10), **Beverly Alderdice** (3/22), **Helen Kacer** (3/25) and **Frank Kacer** (3/31).


A signup list was sent around the table for our April 5th Picnic ... Peggy will pick up the Chicken. Lots of goodies will be served. Reminder - bring your own drink.

We discussed United topics and also Health - letter from Wellness coming to the house. Old members of the Chapter shared lots of stories. Naturally, we want everyone to get their Covid 19 vaccine. Everyone is doing well. Breakfast/Lunch was served and 50/50 was conducted. It's just nice to gather again. We wished everyone a Happy St. Pat's Day and Easter too!

Calendar:

April 5 - Spring Picnic, Anderson Park, Shelter #4 - 11:00

May 3 - IHOP, 10:30



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Most of our members have received their COVID-19 vaccines. Hopefully, those that haven't will get theirs soon. Unfortunately, it wasn't the easiest of processes, even though the state of Florida prioritized the senior population.

Now that I have received both of mine, I am proceeding with some doctor appointments. I didn't have any pressing last year, so I held off with those that I usually get taken care of yearly. I was surprised to find out from Aetna that I couldn't revisit some of my providers without paying additional out-of-pocket. Even though they were covered previously, they are now considered "not preferred providers". We were told at the convention what a wonderful plan we were getting and that we could "keep our doctors". So, the search begins. Hopefully, their selections are acceptable to me as well. In addition, medications that I have used successfully for many years are no longer going to be covered. In some cases, they have been replaced with generics. In one case it was totally changed to a different drug. One was switched from prescription to over the counter at half the strength, thus forcing me to buy and pay for double pills. Following my next blood work, we'll see if they are as effective.

So many things have changed in a year's time. It's truly hard to keep up. I for one was perfectly happy with the status quo. Too many people are telling me what to do and how to do it, and denying me some of the pleasures of life. I miss my family terribly and want to get back to flying. 2021 has absolutely got to be a huge improvement over 2020. Time will tell!

From **Bob Langevin**, our Vice President, we hear: *"Sandy (Ruggiero) and I are doing well. I get my second vaccine this week and she gets her first. We continue to live pretty much our normal life while being prudent and careful in all that we do. We will be leaving on March 4th for Las Vegas for a few days returning on the 7th. Just a few days to get a change of scenery; win big bucks (yeah, right) and to have some fun. (Update: they cancelled due to oversold flights in and out of LAS).*

Hoping that everyone is well and getting thru these challenging times in the best possible way. Spring is right around the corner for all of us and hopefully the light at the end of the tunnel can be seen very soon ... for more or less- the end of these COVID-19 problems that we've all been dealing with for the past year. God Bless and Keep all of you. Cheers from Bob and Sandy".

From **Gene & Fran Student**: *"Nothing too exciting here. Fran put together a birthday celebration for me in*

February. First, she arranged for an in-house professional massage, followed by a feast of king crab legs and champagne. She arranged a Zoom collection of my immediate family and a couple friends and dogs to form a virtual chorus to serenade me with a hearty rendition of "Happy Birthday To You"! Amazing what she can come up with when she's bored. Take Care, Gene".

Sharon Kirk writes: "Greetings from Boca Raton. I'm keeping myself busy with projects and more projects. Who knew there would be so many to choose from? This week I'm trying to renovate my son Eric's house. This is not new, shall we say ongoing. It was built in the 60's, sometimes it feels more like the 1860's. We have redone both bathrooms and the kitchen. Now we are tackling the floor. The only thing we have a shortage of is cash. We get one project done, take a few months off and then tackle another. I sometimes wonder by the time we finish, will we need to start all over again! We painted the outside. Correction, the back is painted but not the front. Makes for an interesting design choice! When people ask us which is our house, we say the one with the yellow front and grey back. Someday soon it will all be done.

I am having lunch with **Soni Bodner** next week. It will be good to see her. COVID-19 has been a strain on relationships. Thank God for email and texts. Who would think we would be spending hours on our computers trying to get an appointment for a vaccine, then after you get the appointment waiting hours to get it? Has anyone wondered why they don't post any side effects? Every drug or injection on TV comes with a million side effects that could happen if you take it. Am I a skeptic? Guess so! Stay well everyone".

Our President, **Al Popek**, wants to share an update on wife **Janice's** condition, since many of you know her. "Janice got both of her COVID-19 vaccinations in rehab and I got my 2nd on March 4th. It's been three months since her stroke and I wish I had more of an upbeat on her progress. Any improvement, no matter how small it is, is a plus. I still can only see her for half an hour a week because of COVID-19. We cherish that time together, which is a blessing since things could have gone the other way, the night it happened. I call her three times a day to keep up with her speech, which is better. She is still having trouble trying to complete her sentences. We're not sure when she will be able to come home since there are roadblocks she has to conquer.

I am now in my 3rd and final appeal with Aetna. It seems like the medical field has a chart they go by on how fast a person has to improve and recover.

Many thanks for all your ongoing calls, e-mails, cards and prayers. It helps us get through this process. I am doing better with my cooking. Didn't burn anything this month. Our cat, Chester, who will be 18 soon, finally gave in to the fact that I feed him every day.

Here it is March already and it's been one year since we had our last meeting. Who knew what was in store for

all of us? It seems like there is finally some light at the end of the tunnel. We hope to meet again soon. Stay well out there and be safe. God Bless, Al".



Members **Janet & Jim Hanley** celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary. I have included a terrific photo she sent me.

April Birthdays ~ **Paul Liebisch, Carolyn Lindgren** and **Barbara Dodenhoff**.

HAWAII

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

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





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

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Our members are busy signing up for the COVID-19 vaccinations. Hopefully, all will be vaccinated before our next scheduled meeting in April. Members will be notified in late March for the April meeting TBD. Some of us have received both Covid-19 vaccinations already and hopefully come April our members will all be vaccinated so that we can plan to meet once again.

Spring is coming as spring bulbs are showing signs of beautiful flowers to come soon.

ILLINOIS



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April - April Fools' Day—celebrated on April 1 each year—has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, though its exact origins remain a mystery. April Fools' Day traditions include playing hoaxes or practical jokes on others, often yelling "April Fools!" at the end to clue in the subject of the April Fools' Day prank. While its exact history is shrouded in mystery, the embrace of April Fools' Day jokes by the media and major brands has ensured the unofficial holiday's long life.

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar. In the Julian, the New Year began with the spring equinox around April 1. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

We've all known enough Fools out there to have run out of paper fish by now! The April flower is the sweet pea and the daisy, both beautiful, fresh and so pure looking. The gem of April is a Diamond, a girl's best friend, according to Marilyn Monroe.

Some unique celebrations are National Humor, Keep America Beautiful, National Kite Month, Stress Awareness, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

You can try and figure this one out, April First is of course, April Fools Day, but it's also Atheist Day. The 4th is Easter, the 5th is Dyngus Day, a Polish holiday celebrating the end of Lent with good food, dancing with Polish Bands. It's a huge holiday in Buffalo, Cleveland, and Poland. Why it's not widely celebrated in Chicago, I don't know. We have enough of us out there! The 6th is New Beers Eve, of course followed by the 7th, National Beer Day, caramel popcorn, and Beaver Day. On the 11th, we honor our Pets, and the old Eight Track Tapes. We still have to pay Taxes on the 15th, and Titanic Remembrance Day. Any mushroom lovers? Get some on the 16th. This one is funny, the 17th is Blah, Blah, Blah day, co-celebrating Husband Appreciation Day! Jelly Beans in the 22nd, Prime Rib and Tell a story on the 27th. Rounding off the month is Zipper Day on the 29th. Enjoy and observe the fun ones. Time to smile again in Illinois!

I heard one couple is traveling soon. **Joe & Joan Teister** received their vaccine shots and are on their way to Virginia to visit their son, Keith, the pilot! Some groups are getting together, from ORDMM, **Jim Vitte, Dick Hoppel, Fred Seibert, Jim Kraft and Rich Protsman**. Also **Bart & Sue Kendall, Glenn Hill, Stan Chmelewicz, and Tom Abraham**. The ladies that met were **Marsha Sealock-Weber, Ginny Vlach, Virginia Kondros, Ann Mahoney** and yours truly. Hopefully, we'll all get the old gangs back together again next month. The vaccine is here, people are getting it, and happy days are here again! Plus it's warming up!

Some changes in Chicago Show Biz, Len Walter, WBBM business reporter retired. What's going on over at Channel 7? Janet Davies and Steve Dolinsky have quit. Mark Giangreco, the sports guru, has been suspended after 25 years, and will not return. Something about him insulting a commentator. Ha, he insults somebody every day! Get used to it.

This pandemic is putting everybody on edge. On Facebook, I noticed members are snapping at each other about the silliest stuff. Time to calm down, take a walk in the sunshine, pet your dog, your goldfish, your python, get happy. We're too close to leaving this earth, don't do it being out of sorts. That's how your friends will remember you, Yikes! Remember when mom would tell you not to make screwy faces, you'll stay that way! That's how you'll look in the casket.

I was just reading an article that the Buchenwald, Germany, Concentration Camp was closed in April of 1945 which made me remember a good friend of mine Wanda, who was in that camp many years ago. It's an interesting story, she was a lovely and funny lady, considering all she went through in her life.

I met her through my Aunt Gen, as Wanda was a pedicurist at Saks Fifth Avenue in Chicago. She had been doing that for quite a while, but her background story is so fascinating, yet sad. She was living in Poland, her father was French, and her mother was Polish. She had another sister, both learning the ways of both nationalities. Her dad saw that Wanda had quite a knack for picking up languages. She already knew Polish and French, they were close to Germany, she learned that. Then she met Witold, a Lithuanian, he taught her that, too. They married in the late 30's. Unfortunately, they were caught up in the war. Wanda ended up in Buchenwald, Witold went to another camp. The newlyweds were separated throughout the war. Neither one knew where the other was, much less alive or dead. All those languages saved her life. She even picked up a few while in there. If you know languages, some are very similar, that helped. The Germans used her to interpret their daily orders to all the prisoners. What an awful experience, but it made her needed.

Then in 1945, the Americans and Allies were able to end the war, found these terrible camps, and freed the prisoners. Wanda went back to Paris. Thanks to mutual friends, they were able to find Witold, and reunited the couple. It took five years before they met up again and could live their lives. They had two children, George and Barbara (Basha). They came to America, where they had relatives in Chicago. He went to work in a bank, she went to beauty school and learned to be a manicurist/pedicurist, an excellent one, I might add! She started to work at the small shops, then got a job at Saks Fifth Avenue in Chicago. They lived over on the North West side, on Thomas Street, a street out of the Polish past. George became an insurance salesman, Basha became a flight attendant for American Airlines. When Basha was a young girl, she contracted a lung condition, always had a weakness with breathing and COPD.

I met Wanda in the 80's and she was already in her 60's, being born in 1923. She reminded me a little of Sophia, on The Golden Girls, tiny, walked fast, went up and down steps 3-4 times in an hour. Very active lady,

did everything by herself. Witold became ill and died about 10 years ago, she showed me their gravesite. At St. Adelbert's cemetery on Milwaukee Avenue, there's a special section for the survivors of the Holocaust. It's very touching with beautiful words on a huge memorial, for those persecuted souls.

About six years ago, her daughter became ill with her lung condition. Wanda had to be with Basha, she packed up her belongings in about a week, sold her home, and was gone in less than a month. Being a devoted mom, she found a retirement home and wanted to help her Basha. As you can guess, the daughter got better, but Wanda became very sick.

As if overnight, her memory started to wane, I couldn't believe it. She was so sharp, it was amazing. I wanted to visit, but it just didn't work out. Basha told me her mother was suffering from dementia and it was extremely sad. I did call her, but she didn't know who I was. She was an integral part of my life every month for years, but I'm so lucky to have known such a strong woman. She was definitely someone to look up to and admire.

Just think, these were only two people that lived through such awful times during the war. The millions that went through worse, or never made it out at all. I thank our service men and women for all they did for us. I hope they too had a happy ending to their lives.

Our fellow workers that passed to the Great Beyond include **Sam Napolitano**, OPBCM, **Jerry Massey**, ORDMM/ORDIQ, **Henry Tedder**, ORDJL/ORDMM; from ORDCG, **John Wilkins**, **Jerry Numrich** and **Danny Lynn**, husband of **Laura**, ORDCS, and brother in law of **Gail Vickrey-Milligan**, ORDCS.

Also gone from our world are Chick Corea, Mary Wilson (Supremes), Larry Flynt, Irv Cross, Vernon Jordan, Chicago's own Karen Lewis, CTU President, and Rush Limbaugh.

Personally, I had to put my beautiful little furry girl to sleep last month. She was pure white with the prettiest pale blue eyes. She was almost 16 years old. I found her at a Vet's office, along with her sister, who had green eyes. When they told me she was deaf, I had to take her. I was afraid nobody would want her, but I couldn't take her sister, that would give me five cats in a one bedroom apartment. The next day I realized what a mistake I made, they needed each other. I called the Vet, but somebody just left with her sister. I never forgave myself for that, so little Audrey Hepburn and I were best buds for a long time. She had bladder cancer, there was no hope for a 16 years old kitty. We'll meet at the Rainbow Bridge someday with my others.

Drop life's useless baggage.

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

I'm hoping we can resume in April.


Calendar:

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

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

IAM 1487 Monthly Meeting, IAM 1487, 50 W. Oakton Ave., Mt. Prospect, (**April 1**) 11:00 A.M. I received word from the Union, they will definitely be meeting on 4/1.

INDIANA



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The RUAEA Indy Racers March meeting is canceled due to Covid. I'm planning to resume monthly meetings in April. Indiana has made Covid vaccines available to those over 60 years old. I'm hopeful our members who have been vaccinated will attend the April meeting. I'm getting my second shot on March 12th - Yahoo! Freedom at last!

I have not met with members for quite a while now so I have no member or chapter news to report this month.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always looking for new members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join our chapter. Just come to one of our monthly lunch meetings to meet our members. The more members we have the more fun things we can do.

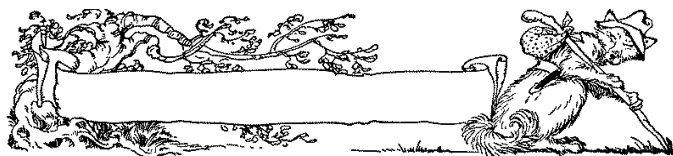
We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. We always enjoy meeting new United friends.

Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.


Our future meetings schedule for 2021.

- April 13, 2021 at Emmy's
- May 11, 2021 at Emmy's
- June 8, 2021 at Emmy's
- July 7, 2021 at Emmy's

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Greetings to all!

No meeting, so no meeting news. Our treasurer **Bill Vanderwal** and I are planning a Christmas party luncheon, our first meeting since the Corona Virus. Of course, it all depends on our members getting anti-virus shots and the virus being controlled. By December, it may be possible. Here's hoping all will be okay!


April's birthdays ~ **Tom Blackwood**, **Don Latter**, and **Helmut Umbley**.

April's anniversaries ~ **Frank & Janet DeStefano** (53 years), **Bob & Jean Lincoln** (55), **Andy & Carol Montalto** (45) and **Ellen & John Rizzo** (45).

Calendar:

Stay safe, stay healthy and stay home!

MICHIGAN



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The United DTWRR retiree group is still unable to meet for our monthly lunches.

Please remember all our friends and keep them in positive thoughts and prayers.

Thoughts for the month:

"Never miss a good chance to shut up." ~ Will Rogers\

"We are all more alike than different. When we recognize that, we realize we have much more in common than our differences suggest." ~ Mitch Albom



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No news this month. I guess that's a good thing, these days. Minnesota is slowly coming out of lockdown but stay tuned!

If anyone hears about a venue that you think will be appropriate and has protocols in place, shoot me an email or call me. Until everyone is vaccinated, the buffet-style dining of The Golden Corral doesn't seem like a good idea to me.

That cold snap I talked about last month turned into 3 weeks of below-zero weather in most of the state. Old Mother Nature sure lets us know that she's in charge! Since then, there's been an 80-degree swing from those temperatures. Here at Willow River, we saw 36 below zero and now it's topping out in the low 50's above. Only in the Upper Midwest ...

Talk to you next month!

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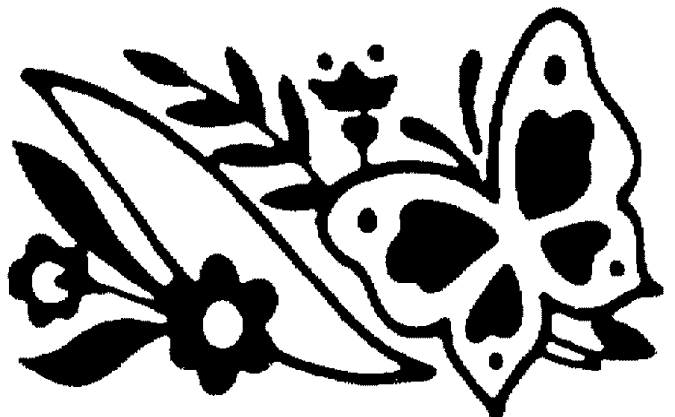
There is no report this month from the Omaha Golden Ears chapter of RUAEA.

Right now, here in Nevada the State is trying to get out the COVID Vaccine to all who want it. The State increased the number of locations here in Southern Nevada and has on hand the 3 types that are FDA approved. In Sun City Summerlin where I live, our Community Administration has been working with the local health department. We are in the 2nd round of the vaccine and by March 12th all Seniors ages 70 and up that live in Sun City will have received the vaccine.

We the Board of the Silverliners are constantly reviewing the Directives from the Governors Office and hoping soon we can all get together again. Directive right now states, indoor private social gatherings are restricted to 10 or fewer persons. So we will watch and wait for an increase in the numbers.

Not much else to report on, activities have been limited and remain quiet and members have not passed on any personal information good or bad to report on.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The next confirmed Luncheon is not yet determined or planned. Once we get this COVID problem under control and things start opening up we the Board will get together and plan the Luncheon. The Luncheon meetings will be held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W Horizon Ridge Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038 we will be glad to see you.



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The Sierra Roundup group will be meeting for the first time in a year on March 8. That date is after the publication date of the next newsletter so our submission will be for the April newsletter.

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There is no report this month from the Garden Staters chapter of RUAA.

NEW YORK



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There is no report this month from the Buffalo Chips. Any one visiting or planning a visit to Buffalo/Niagara Falls can contact me for information on our lunch meetings. We meet four times a year, usually the first week of March, June, September and December.



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



OHIO BUCKEYES

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Well, here we are moving right along into Spring at last. The Covid-19 numbers are improving weekly, thank goodness. Now on a sad note, **Barb Vauls** is not doing well after her TIA and 4 strokes. We ask that you please join us in saying prayers for her.

We aren't doing much with our luncheons, but that does not mean that the Officers (Team) are not getting ready. We are thinking about maybe getting together in June at the Diamond Event Center in Brunswick; it's just depending on how our members feel about it, and as long as the numbers on the pandemic keep going down. We usually need to have a minimum number of members attend to make it worthwhile for them. But this time the owner (Kevin) has said he will work with us to make it work. So, we'll have to see. We do have a Nautica Queen scheduled for July, and management there has said the same thing. We already have people signing up for the cruise. Then we have also scheduled our yearly picnic in August at the "Chalet" in our MetroParks, which should be OK since we are going to be outside. The gals at the Chalet have also said "no problem". We are also hoping for our Annual Christmas Party in December at Williams on-the-Lake. We have developed a relationship with many of the places we patronize. As you can see, we are not "Just a number" to them.

From what we have heard some members already received 1 or even both vaccine injections already. That's a good start. As they say, we are chomping at the bit to get back to normal. Yes, we Ohio Buckeyes are more than just ready, and there isn't much that can stop us. We do see that a few Chapters are meeting in small groups. We have held back. But we are Ohio, and we are "Ready to Rock & Roll". Are you?

An email was sent to members on their status for Dues, and they are responding. Although we only had 2 luncheons last year, we still had expenses. For example: When we get the word that a member has passed away Bernie (treasurer) responds to the obituary. If an "in lieu of flowers" lists a charity, a check is sent. If not, we send a check to the family. We always receive a heartfelt response expressing their gratitude. That little gesture lets them know that they are not alone.

We want to express our heartfelt "Thank You" to RUAA for their dedication and due diligence on keeping all chapters linked together. The Newsletter is an important part of it. They do a fantastic job and we really appreciate it.

We pray for “our” – United States Of America
 On behalf of the Ohio Buckeyes, we wish everyone a very “Happy Easter”. God Bless, take care, and stay Safe!



OREGON

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The vaccine doesn't switch our normal lives back on. It's more like a dimmer switch. After two doses "It's OK to socialize a little bit more, but it's not time for bingo night. It's not time for square dancing."

Remember the clinical trials only looked at whether the vaccines prevent severe disease not infection, so a vaccinated person could unknowingly pass the virus on to you and others. In fact, four health care workers in Oregon got COVID after being fully vaccinated. None of them died, but all were pretty ill and did infect others. That's why it's so important for people who've been vaccinated to keep wearing their masks, avoid crowded indoor places and socially distance.

Unfortunately, I have some sad news to pass on. **Frieda Marley**, widow of retired PDXMM mechanic **Richard Marley** passed away the end of February. She had been a regular at our monthly luncheons, joining **MaryLou Falbo**. She has no family here and no services are planned per her request. She was 92 years old.

And now another dose of humor, with a little bit of philosophy thrown in, to help lighten your mood. Enjoy!

- ☺ Overheard between two ladies in the wine aisle: First lady, "How much should you spend on a bottle of wine?". The second lady responds, "I don't know ... half an hour?"
- ☺ Good bakers use real butter so there is no margarine for error.

- ☺ Kindness definition: Loaning someone your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness.
- ☺ It doesn't matter if your glass is half full, or half empty ... as long as you have the rest of the bottle!
- ☺ I hate that moment when you are tired and sleepy but as soon as you go to bed your body is like "just kidding"
- ☺ I may not be that good looking, or athletic, or funny, or talented, or smart ... I forgot where I was going with this, but I do know that I love bacon.
- ☺ Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the Ark ... professionals built the Titanic.
- ☺ I always mean what I say. I don't always mean to say it out loud, but I always mean it.
- ☺ It's weird being the same age as old people.
- ☺ I wish losing weight was as easy as losing my train of thought.
- ☺ My wife texted me a selfie in a new dress and asked, "Does this make my butt look big?" I texted back, "Noo!" My phone autocorrected my response to "Moo!" which I did not notice until after it was sent. Please send help!
- ☺ Every guy thinks that every girls' dream is to find the perfect guy ... Please, every girls' dream is to eat without getting fat!
- ☺ When we go into another lock down, just train all the Amazon delivery drivers to give the vaccine. Entire population immunized by Saturday, Wednesday if you've got Prime.
- ☺ If we could spread love as quickly as we spread hate and negativity, what an amazing world we would live in!
- ☺ They say with age comes wisdom so therefore I do not have wrinkles, I have wise cracks!
- ☺ Got up at 5AM, 8K run completed, came back prepared a vegetable smoothie for breakfast. Don't remember the rest of the dream ...
- ☺ If you decide to give up wine, you don't really live longer, it will just **feel** longer.
- ☺ Me: "I am surprised at how winded I am by this exercise." Personal Trainer: "That was the tour of the gym."
- ☺ My ducks are absolutely not in a row. At this point, I don't even know where my ducks are.
- ☺ It is better to grow old with a sense of humor than to grow old with no sense at all!
- ☺ Recently overheard: "Grandma, tell me again how you used to shop by walking from store to store."
- ☺ In the blink of an eye everything can change. So forgive often and love with all your heart. You may not have that chance again.

- ☺ Always keep a bottle of wine in the fridge for special occasions, like Wednesday.
- ☺ I really miss the 90's when bread was still good for you, and nobody knew what kale was.
- ☺ Grandson: "Grandpa may I get a piece of candy from the candy jar?", Grandpa: "What's the rule in this house about candy?" Grandson forlornly: "No candy until after dinner." Grandpa: "No. That's Grandma's rule. Grandpa's rule is, bring me one too."
- ☺ I hate when you're on a roll cleaning and being productive ... then you sit down for a second and lose all energy and motivation to continue.
- ☺ I know I'm a little crazy, but that's all part of my charm.
- ☺ Your secrets are safe with me ... because chances are, I won't remember them.
- ☺ Based on the look on your face, I'm going to assume I thought out loud again!
- ☺ My son made the mistake of telling me I was being overdramatic, so I just changed the Wi-Fi password. We'll see who's overdramatic in about 5 minutes.
- ☺ Accidentally went grocery shopping on an empty stomach and now I'm the proud owner of aisle 4.
- ☺ I finally got 8 hours of sleep. Took my four days but whatever.
- ☺ I don't really rise and shine, I caffeinate and hope for the best.

Again this month, I am closing with a beautiful Haiku, author unknown, discovered by member **Kathy Russell**:

*We isolate now
So when we gather again
No one is missing.*


Remember: Also highly contagious is – Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier!

Calendar:

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



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We are all covid weary! Here at Wesley we have received our two vaccinations. We are very happy. We can have visitors starting on March 20. It has been very lonely. Our dear friend and Chapter Officer, **Karhy Edwards**, has been battling complications after thyroid surgery. We wish her our best. **Dick & Marcia Ems** are living in White Horse village in Newtown Square for a few years, they had been in a cottage then an apartment. Dick has been taking care of his wife. It is with deep sadness that he is unable to care for her any longer so she is now in the nursing home section. Dick and my husband Ron had been golf buddies back in the day.

We have received word that **Jim Glackin's** wife Ann passed away at home after a long battle with cancer.

There are still no meetings scheduled. It has been a brutal year. At least Spring is finally here.



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The COVID restrictions are still in place but slowly as vaccines are being distributed, the state says they may start to relax them. **Bill Chicots** lost a battle with the snow and ice on February 17th, falling and fracturing L2 vertebrae, doctor does not feel surgery is needed just rest and a brace. It was reported to me that **Henry Tedder** (PITJL, ORDJL, ORDMM & PITMM) passed away on March 2, 2021; Henry was always a generous and caring co-worker. **John Grossi** (PITCG) passed away on Wednesday March 3, 2021; John had a dry sense of humor and was always pulling someone's leg about something. Please keep both of their families in your prayers.

March Birthdays ~ **Dave Beatty, Treatie Karwoski, Lorraine Keith, Max Seaholm, and Barb Seaholm.**

March Anniversaries ~ **Bob & Kay Frye, and Barb & Max Seaholm.**


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

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As has been the case for the past year – and then some, the novel coronavirus continues to dominate the news and most of our personal experiences. However, this month we see some light (if only a glimmer) at the end of the tunnel, as vaccines against the virus are more easily obtained, allowing a more normal lifestyle for Seattle RUAEA.

As with many of you, it now has been over a year since our chapter members gathered to meet and greet. Will we ever be able to add “hugs” to the mix?

There even is a glimmer of hope for the return of a summer picnic for Emerald City Slickers. Caterer and hostess are on standby awaiting the signal to take off, which might depend on how many members and guests have received the anti-virus vaccine by takeoff time. Get those shots, Folks!

Daylight Savings Time will have taken effect by the time you read this, and we're sure there will be the annual cussing and discussing of the value vs. the nuisance of changing clocks twice a year. There are staunch supporters in both camps – and not much consensus. As far north as Seattle sits on the rotating earth, there's a big difference for only a short time. It's “naturally” daylight well into the late evening hours by June and July.

A local obituary noted the death of **Douglas Edward Tyler**, a retired pilot who saw the world with Pan Am and Braniff, retiring from United. He is survived by **Scott Norman**, his partner of 40 years.

We return to our collection of “Member Profiles,” as published in *Contrails*, Seattle chapter newsletter. The last regular issue was dated April 1, 2020, so we have come full circle. Special updates, including officers' decisions on future events, were distributed last July and September.

The subject for this month's brief biography is well known across the RUAEA spectrum. If you aren't familiar with the name or haven't met **Henry “Hank” Gosselin** (SEAMM), you haven't been paying attention.

Currently serving as RUAEA Vice President of Conventions, Hank has been active since retiring from United in 2000, immediately becoming a force in the organization, including his two terms as President of RUAEA from 2012-2016, previously as vice president and chairman of the 2004 national convention here in Seattle.

Hank Gosselin was raised in Madison, Connecticut, situated centrally on that state's portion of the Long Island Sound shoreline. Following graduation from high school, he attended East Coast Aero Tech, a well-known provider of aircraft maintenance technology training, in Bedford, Massachusetts. While he was still in school, he accepted a job offer from United Airlines as a mechanic at Idlewild International Airport (now JFK International) in New York City. He joined United in 1960, having earned his Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) license. In 1962 he transferred to Seattle, where he spent the rest of his more than 40-year career.

In Seattle, Hank worked as a mechanic, a maintenance foreman, and a Station Maintenance Controller (SMC). While in Maintenance Management, he filled several other positions in addition to mechanic, working all shifts at various times, Employee Assistance Representative, Manpower Planner, Vacation Planner, Scheduler, Tire Shop Supervisor and in the back shop (where cargo containers are repaired). He also was part of the Scene-Based System Accident Team, which was responsible for traveling to aircraft accident scenes and providing assistance. Hank says that performing maintenance work during a time frame that began with propeller-driven aircraft and moved into the jet propulsion age was an extraordinary experience.

Upon retiring from United, Hank immediately became involved in various leadership positions within

RUAEA. He mentioned that he would be remiss if he did not mention that our own **Jim Fauber**, then RUAEA President, “twisted his arm” to take on chairmanship of the 2004 national convention in Seattle. That 2004 convention was the last of the well-attended meets with over 900 registrants.

With thanks to Jim, Hank has been involved with national conventions ever since. Though not all were as successful, all have been rewarding. Hank fondly remembers the former nightly hotel-room “Bible Studies” with plenty of food, drink and bantering conversation.

Hank has always been highly visible at conventions, whether handing out prizes, organizing activities on the PA system, or whirling around the dance floor. He possesses an authoritarian voice that carries well, commanding everyone’s attention.

Planning to maintain his involvement in RUAEA, Hank claims that *“By getting to know so many great people that I call my friends who worked for United and helped make it the airline it has been and is today, I feel very fortunate.”*

And we feel extremely fortunate to be able to enjoy the company of **Hank Gosselin** as part of our Seattle Emerald City Slickers.

Spring has sprung and Easter Sunday is on the horizon. We hope all RUAEA members, family and friends enjoy the change of seasons – with or without DST.

Easter Blessings and a Spectacular Spring!

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No gatherings/meetings scheduled

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



WASHINGTON, D.C.

	<p><u>THE DULLES LOUNGERS</u> Washington, D.C. Mari McColl Past President marimccoll@aol.com</p>
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There is no chapter report this month. We are planning to get together the second Wednesday of April at the Bull Run Winery for another socially distanced get together.

NATIONAL

	<p><u>CLIPPED WINGS</u> Barbara Dunkelman Clipped Wings Vice President barbdunkelman310@gmail.com</p>
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Hello RUAEA,

As I sit here writing my March Newsletter, I’m wondering how many of you watched Super Bowl LV? If your team won congratulations, but I sure was disappointed. All the advertising and the half time show were not like they use to be.

Most Chapters have not met as it is a rather quiet time of year.

I am still in Florida; why go North when it is so darn cold? Hopefully we will all start to see flowers peeking up, so we know Spring is coming. I am confident with the arrival of Spring our lives will start to return to normal and we can resume our in-person meetings! Zoom parties have been fun, and many of you participated in the Valentine’s Zoom, but celebrating together is way more exciting. If you haven’t joined a Zoom meeting or party, I highly suggest it, you will get the opportunity to meet some of our 1,026 paid members.

Although vaccines are getting easier for some, it appears that many are still unsuccessful in receiving theirs. We look forward to the day when everyone is vaccinated and healthy!

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



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 **February 2021**:

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Shropshire, Bruce, ORDCS, 1335 Greenridge Avenue, Algonquin, IL 60102■



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Retiree – **Morgan, Sydney R.**, on 2/17/2021, SFOEA, husband of Sherrill A. Morgan, 1170 Athlone Way, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Retiree – **Napolitano, Severino (Sam)**, on 2/9/2021, OPBCM, husband of Rita Napolitano, 4062 Stow Way, Naples, FL 34116

Retiree – **Patterson-Dudley, Patricia (Pat)** passed away in February 2021, daughter of William A. Patterson, Founder and Past President of United Airlines; 64 Tamalpais Ave., San Anselmo, CA 94960

Spouse – **Pumphrey, Edwin R. (Ted)**, on 12/24/2020, husband of Mary Ann Pumphrey, BOSOZ, 67 Birch St., Capon Bridge, WV 26711

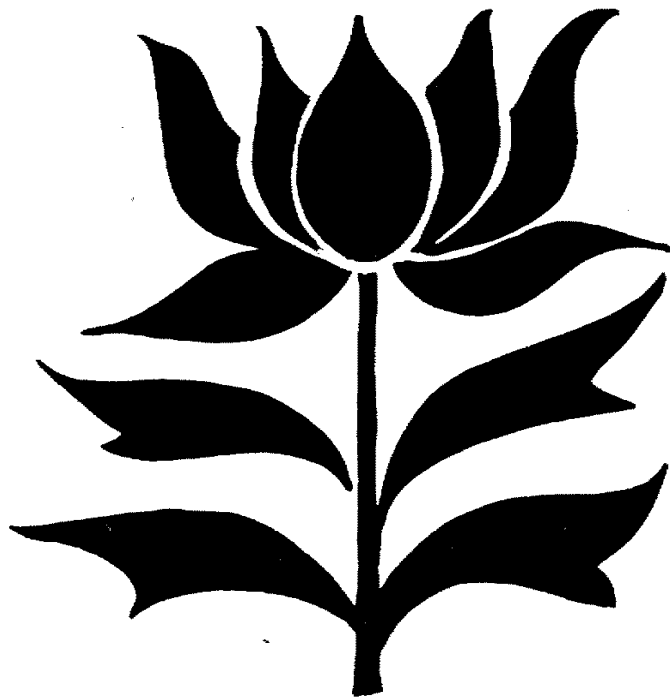
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Retiree – **Taylor, Edward A.**, on 2/12/2020, SFORQ, husband of Marina Taylor (deceased), 2348 Kehoe Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403

Retiree – **Weakland, John**, on 2/16/2021, DENMM, husband of Patty Weakland, 7442 S. Queensburg St., Aurora, CO 80016

Retiree – **Wilkens, John Jr. H.**, on 10/13/2013, ORDCG, husband of first wife Lillian & second wife Mary Ellen (both deceased), 3120 Fairway Dr., McHenry, IL 60050■



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

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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

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

Mary Brennan, 988 Horizon St., Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

Thank you Francis, Martha and all of your crew who continue to publish the RUAEA newsletter for us to enjoy every month.

Also thank you to **Connie Glattly**, MSP Northern Lites, who can still find "good news" out of "no news" these past months; and with her good sense of humor too.

Covid 19 kept me from traveling to Hawaii for the first time since my first trip in 1968. I have lost count of my flights to all of the isles, probably over 100. I am grateful for all of them.

Chris Czaplewski, 280 Cottonwood Dr., Mesquite, NV 89027

I always enjoy reading the RUAEA Newsletters, and want to pass on some compliments to contributors in the January newsletter.

Jan Soderstrom with the East Bay Diablos always has very interesting letters and comments.

Judy Macklin with the Sand Dollars submitted some great Covid jokes.

Terry Hotchkin with the Oregon Dew-ers compiled some funnies on "getting older".

John "Scotty" Thomas, SFO sent a great letter on "Winter".

We can't forget our own, **Don Rutkowski**, who is Acting President and Secretary for the LAS Silverliners. He has managed to keep us informed on the Covid-19 situation and restrictions for Nevada. We all appreciate him so much, and miss getting together for our retiree luncheons.

I am always excited to see how many new retirees have joined RUAEA, and hope that our great organization will stay 'on-board'; and hopefully, a RUAEA Convention this year.

We all appreciate the dedication and work from all of you involved with the Newsletter.

I retired in 1997, and cherish all the friends and memories from the 'good ole days' with United Airlines.

Joe Pero, 348 Orchard Grove Drive, Camden, DE 1934

I received my January issue of the RUAEA Newsletter yesterday, February 20th. I am familiar with the photo on the inside front cover about the 747 with an extra engine.

While flying out of EWRSW as an Inflight Services Supervisor, (ISS) from 1975-1977, I worked flights 35 EWRSFO returning on 34 SFOEWR. From my knowledge, I saw this several times during my tenure as an ISS. It was the cheapest method of moving a jet engine from the Maintenance Base to the East Coast (EWR).

It did come with a slight cost as the flight would be restricted to a lower altitude and slower air speed due to the extra weight, about 10,000 pounds.

Passengers would comment about it as they entered the aircraft from door 2L. While en-route, there was no difference in flight characteristics that were noticeable, except perhaps to the pilots working the flight.

I am sure the fan blades were secured to prevent damage during transport.

The photo brought back some fond memories of those glorious days. At that time, the ISS was a no-go item, necessary because of the wide body jets (including the DC10). There were up to 14 flight attendants on a fully loaded 747 and 10 on a DC10, to be observed.

It was probably the best position I held during my 38+ years with UAL prior to transferring to OPBSK in 1984.

I am coming up on 20 years retired on 2/28/21. Where does the time go?

Thanks for what all of you do to keep us UAL'ers informed and stay safe.

Dolores Pitts, 2305 Sigwalt St., Rolling Mdws, IL 60008

I enjoy reading about re-located friends in Arizona. I am sure Bob would have also. It has been almost 7 years since he has been gone. And I still miss him.

I was also a United employee in payroll, 1956-1960 BC (before children). We have 5 children, 1 boy then 4 girls.

I knew a lot of the employees in RUAEA.

Keep up the good work.

I am enclosing one of my favorite recipes:

Crazy Chocolate Cake:

No eggs, milk, butter or bowls

3 cups flour

2 cups sugar

2 tsp baking soda

½ cup cocoa

1 tsp salt

Sift dry ingredients together. Place in an un-greased 9 X 13" pan and make 3 holes.

In 1 hole place ¾ cup salad oil, in 2nd hole place 1 tsp. vanilla and in the 3rd hole place 2 tsp. vinegar.

Pour 2 cups water over all and mix well with a fork.

Bake for 35-40 minutes at 325 degrees for glass and 350 for other types.

Frost with favorite frosting or sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Margaret Sarsfield, 1442 Tannery Circle, Midlothian, VA 23113

I sure have enjoyed the last few Newsletters.

There are so many creative people writing poems and essays about the pandemic and coping with every day life. Everyone does a good job.

Notes

Sharon Castner

Thanks for keeping us up to date on what is happening.



Alice Dsouza

I have been retired now for 22 years, wow surprised to write that number.

I was traveling a lot until Covid; I will go again when it is safe.

Thomas McLean

I am enjoying retirement and being able to follow what is going on at United through the RUAEA newsletter.

Bruce Shropshire

I worked for 46 years in SCKOZ, SANTR, ORDF, ORDTR, and ORDCS. I retired in August of 2020.

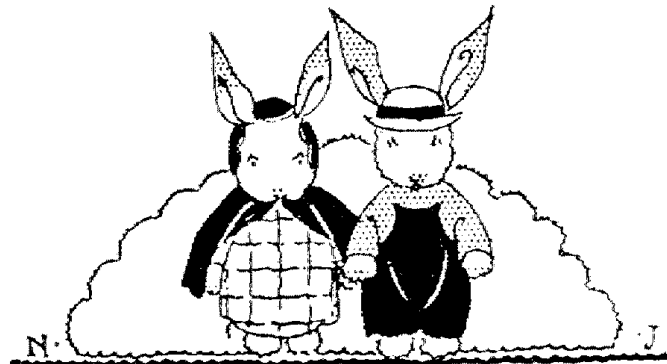
James Sommerfield

It is hard to believe I have been affiliated with United Airlines for 56 years, having worked for almost 38 years and being with RUAEA as Website Manager since its inception.

I miss all of my Chicago Skyliners and RUAEA friends due to this pandemic. I am looking forward to things returning to normal and getting to fellowship with all my friends again.

My hats off to all of the RUAEA Board members for all they do for us.

May everyone have a Happy, Blessed and Healthy 2021.■



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Stapleton Airport's Last Day (Part I) - By Terry J. Snyder, UAL Retiree

Determined to avoid the regrets expressed in the classic Joni Mitchell song lyric, "you don't know what you've got till it's gone, I made a point to capture the essence of Stapleton Airport the day before all operations switched over to Denver International Airport, February 27/28, 1995. It was important to me to capture the airport full of activity, because it was such a major player in my and my family's quality and pace of life. It represented my career supporting crew training and operations at United Airlines, as well as our family's favorite activity, flying to our hearts' desires on our treasured airline passes. We spent so much time at dear old Stapleton that Concourse A ended up being where our youngest son took his first steps in '91!



Another reason for feeling such affection for Stapleton was the nearly seamless access to our flights of fancy. Living 20 minutes to United's Flight Training Center where I worked, from our Aurora Village East neighborhood, we could actually be on a flight an hour after deciding and packing for it. It only took minutes to catch an employee bus from the DENTK parking lot, a few minutes ride to the terminal, and a few more through simpler security back in the day. Not that we cut it that close very often – we pulled it off enough times it became legend in our own minds!

So it was, on Stapleton's last day, having had a few occasions to drive way out to DIA for an air show and a United Way charity flight auction, that I was already missing the convenience. But it was the history and intimacy of good old Stapleton that I hoped to preserve as I snapped photos of its going away party that day. ■

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