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Memories of 2022 RUAEA San Diego Convention



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Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

Well, we have signed contracts with the Dana resort in SAN for next year's RUAEA Convention which is now renamed "RUAEA Reunion". You might ask why in SAN again? It is all driven by cost and we have not even been close with any other hotel or resort. We sent RFP to Las Vegas, Chicago, Denver, Reno, Sacramento, and several more with nobody coming close to the deals and amenities that the Dana offers. Please reserve your rooms as soon as we get the information so you don't miss out.

Be careful of all the different bugs out there. Almost everyone I know has either a sore throat or coughing.

I will be able to tell you more once we have a meeting of the Executive Board later this month.

I again ask if any of you want to volunteer with RUAEA in any capacity, please let us know. We would have any position you might want to try for, from President on down. It is my pleasure to represent all of you to the company and anyone else.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

Letter from the Vice President - Conventions



Hi Folks,

As promised, I want to inform you where our next Convention will be. First of all, we have decided to change it to "**RUAEA Reunion**".

Secondly, our Site Chairman, **Dave Garland**, sent out proposals to several hotels; Dave is getting little or no response from the following sites, Las Vegas, Sacramento, and Reno. With that said, I approached the DANA in San Diego again and their response was positive. They offered us rooms at \$135 per night with all the same amenities; 2 free breakfasts per room night, free parking, and no resort fee. The room increase is only \$6 more than 2022.

With the Board's approval, I have asked for contracts from the DANA for 2023 and 2024, both years will be at the same rate. The Reunion dates for 2023 are September 29th – October 4th. There will be a lot of planning work to do once the contracts are signed, and we do not have a lot of time to accomplish it.

Once the contracts are signed, I encourage you to reserve your hotel rooms ASAP. I will let you know the necessary information do so. This is important because of the room block, once I get a good idea, I then can increase the room block as needed. Keep in mind RUPA and ARECA have agreed to join us at the Reunion for 2023. If you wait as many did so in 2022, you will not able to reserve the room at the contract rate.

As usual, the Reunion Registration package will be published in the June 2023 Newsletter. Plan now to have a wonderful vacation in San Diego at a reasonable rate. The tours, banquet, parties, entertainment are all in the planning stages. There are many attractions in San Diego, great for all ages. Remember you can come as a family and do invite guests to join you.

The other good news is that **Betty Tomaino** has volunteered to be the Chairman of our event. Betty has a lot of experience and will make the event planning much easier for me. I know she has other volunteers from the RESANS chapter who have helped out before. Much more information to follow, most of all I really hope to see many of you in San Diego.

Also, I just want to remind you about RUAEA membership. The Bylaws state that most anyone can be a member if they pay their dues. The statement *Others* in the *Bylaws* opens it up for most anyone to join, with certain restrictions. This was done to help increase membership, which is still sorely needed. If you know some one who wishes to join RUAEA, refer them to our website, ruaea.org. Once there, they can follow instructions to join. On the application they leave blank where they worked and retired from. Our membership manager

will assign them a designation number. Please don't hesitate to welcome friends and family members to join if they wish.

Note: If you are joining RUAEA and did not retire from United Airlines or Continental Airlines or one of their subsidiaries, you must fill out the application the best you can and then mail it to the Denver Office at RUAEA 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207. Include your check for \$30.00 or \$35.00 depending on how you want to receive the Newsletter. A mailed paper is \$30.00; mailed paper and access to the newsletter on the website is \$35.00. The Denver Office will assign you a unique file number and enter you in the membership database. After this, you may renew using your unique file number. The number will be in the upper left side of the mailing label and your renewal date will be in the upper right side of the mailing label.

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA VP Conventions

Presidents and Correspondents Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2022
Dana on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA



Representatives for Presidents Meeting: **Ron Bertacini, Don Burbank, Frank Dellinger, Dave Garland, Virgil Gooselaw, Chris Johnston, Vera Kina, Ruth Morabito, Sonda Sandstedt, Louis Semon, Mary Jane Stewart, Kenneth Storey, John Zoboli, and Michael Zoldak.**

Correspondents: **John Chu, Angie Dellinger, Bob Devlin,**

Barbara Drews, Martha Gooselaw, Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Pat Zoboli, and Bridget Zoldak.

Guest: **Don Wolfe**, President of RUPA

Don Burbank, President – Don welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. This is the first year we have combined the Presidents and the Correspondents meetings. Many attendees are representing both on behalf of their chapter. Don recognized **John Chu** for the great job he is doing with the Newsletter. Everyone agreed.

1. Every retiree group in the country is having the same problems. The membership is aging and newer retirees are reluctant to join. Some chapters are starting to see members return following the Covid pandemic.
2. With declining membership, we cannot continue to operate as we are today and will work with the other retiree groups as appropriate, going forward.
3. RUAEA membership is open to everyone and a bargain at \$30.
4. The retiree presidents have created a group, RPC, Retired President Council, which includes; RUAEA, RUPA, RAFA, ARECA and Clipped Wings. Don will be serving as Chairman. They plan to meet quarterly.

Ruth Morabito, Exec. VP –

1. Correspondents are crucial to the success of the Newsletter. There are so many great stories that could be shared so please encourage your members to share them through the Newsletter.
2. The Website was recently refreshed and is now more user-friendly. Some of the chapters' information needs to be updated.
3. We are looking for someone to help manage updates to our FACEBOOK page.

Don Wolfe, President RUPA – We were pleased to have Don join us and to hear about their publication which has a very professional look. They encourage the membership to send in War stories.

John Chu, Newsletter Manager –

1. Our Newsletter membership has gone from 12,000 to 3,000.
2. We have spent extra funds for the colored front and back pages so please send pictures that will highlight the look of the Newsletter.
3. Every effort is made to honor articles as submitted. As a reminder, we do not want to include political, religious, offensive, or copyrighted articles. We look forward to hearing about special events, individual stories, and funny stories. Pictures are always welcome.

The meeting was adjourned at 0804

Respectively submitted **Mary Jane Stewart**, Secretary 11/6/2022

Minutes approved by **Don Burbank**, President 11/15/2022

It Happened to Me **The Children's Christmas Party**

Back as far as I can remember, United always had a Children's Christmas Party at JFK, Hangar 8. My Dad was always Santa Claus. I was young enough, not to know it was my Dad. At one party, my sister came running back through the crowd yelling "It's Daddy".

The party was always very well done, with Elves and Helpers. The toys were great also. Santa would arrive taxiing a DC-8 up to the hangar door waving out of the captain's window. It was greeted by a hanger full of screaming children, family and employees. It was a memorable event.

After my Dad retired in 1983, he continued to play Santa Claus.



In 1986, the Christmas Party was held at LaGuardia. My Dad was Santa Claus again. This time, I taxied a 727. Also, I was accompanied by another mechanic at the second officer's panel and Santa in the right seat waving away. My wife, Kathy, and my oldest daughter, Linda (10 months old) were also in the plane; 3 generations arriving for the Christmas Party.

In recent days, I made a few phone calls to get the names of those who were with me, but no luck. In previous articles, I have mentioned my father. Sometimes the name may not click. The picture of the DC-8 with my father as Santa from the cockpit window is from JFK in 1979. It was sent to me courtesy of **John Medolla**. John was a fellow mechanic I met at JFK and worked with until coming to DEN in 1992. The friendship still continues today, with a phone call, text or an email with a picture we share with each other. Sometimes, a picture or story from the past brings back a good memory. One of these brought about the idea for this article. Thank you, John, for the picture, the memory and always your friendship.

Michael (Mal) Malesardi
Membership Manager, RUAEA

The Syrup Containers **By Ron Bertacini**

This letter has been around for some time but some of our members might find it interesting. I remember this well as I was in the San Francisco kitchen at the time. As a result of this letter, the syrup containers were vented by punching a small hole in the cover before putting in the holding ovens.

Dear Mr. Carlson:

I would like to report a potential hazard to your passengers by relating my own experience on one of your flights. It was a morning flight from Seattle to Boise, Idaho with a stop at Portland. Breakfast was served on the Portland/Boise leg.

The breakfast was a fruit cup, a small waffle, two slices of ham, whipped butter, and pure maple syrup. I love pure maple syrup and I was very pleased to note that the sealed paper cup in which it was contained was

hot. I set the cup on the tray with the lift tab for the seal pointing towards me and lifted the tab.

A bronze colored bullet like a missile came shooting out of the cup and without losing a drop on the way; most of that maple syrup hit me on the necktie. It then ran down over my shirt, your seatbelt, and my crotch.

The stewardess was very pleasant about getting me some wet and dry napkins for my shirt and tie, but I couldn't quite bring myself to cleaning the lower part on a crowded plane. At that time the table did cover things and what was below was known only to me. On the other hand, what do you do with a syrup covered crotch on a loaded airplane at 9:30 on a sunny morning?

Well, I decided to get it unnoticed into one of the closed toilets in the men's room at the Boise airport. Getting off the plane was not too bad. I stayed close to the lady in front of me and it was okay except for a brief moment when a dangling sleeve of the sweater she carried got stuck.

The Boise airport buildings were completely changed since my last visit and I had a little trouble finding the men's room. But I was pleased to find the airport air-conditioned and the flies weren't too bad. The men's room was loaded with the same (but segregated) group that was on my flight. Your stewardesses had been great with the coffee.

I finally got to a basin and soaked my handkerchief with water. I saturated it. It was dripping. All the toilet stalls said "occupied". I suddenly realized that this was going to cost 10 cents, so I reached my dry hand in my pocket; nothing. The wet hand had to go in its pocket. There were two small coins which I hopefully brought into view. They were both pennies.

I now had two pennies, two wet hands, a wet handkerchief and a syrup soaked crotch in the busy men's room at the Boise airport. But I didn't let it get to me. I outmaneuvered a forest ranger for position #1 at the free toilet at the end of the line. When he saw me he just backed off.

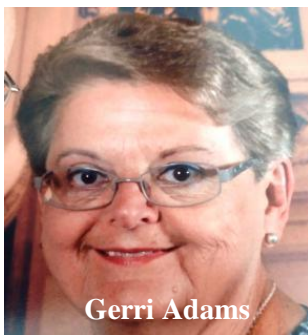
It seemed like a long time but the fellow in the free stall finally came out. I'll say one thing for the Boise airport. This toilet had a lock on the door. I thank them for that!

I'm not going to tell you how I got rid of all that maple syrup but I suddenly realized that I looked worse than when I started. A business associate picked me up at baggage claim and he didn't say much except to ask if the seat belt signs were on the entire flight.

In any case, I would like to suggest that you quit heating your god-damn maple syrup!

**Best Regards,
Carl Dailey**

At Large Correspondent – Gerri Adams **Hobby to Consider**



I remember so vividly being at work and dreaming about being retired and all of the wonderful things I could do if only I had the time. Then retirement came. Some of us are busier now and have absolutely no idea how we ever worked and do all of the things we did. Others need to find hobbies to keep them active and involved.

Well, today I want to share with you a hobby that my husband got interested in many years ago. Long before retirement, but one that easily carries over into retirement and one that you might want to consider.

Have you ever visited the beach and seen people holding these rods or poles, some with head phones connected and some without, swinging the poles over the sand or in the water. Every once in a while, they stop, dig up some sand, and then look eagerly into their scoops. Sometimes picking something out of their scoop and sometimes not. Well, they are treasure hunters. These poles are metal detectors and these individuals are looking for lost items in the sand or water. Sometimes their finds are exceptional but the majority of the time their finds are pull tabs, tent stakes, bottle caps, and any item that has metal on it.

However, many times the treasure hunter finds coins, toe rings, earrings, finger rings, watches, sun glasses, toy cars and many other items containing some type of metal.

There are a number of treasure hunters out there and many clubs for these hunters to share their experiences. We belong to a club here in St. Petersburg called Suncoast Research and Recovery Club. We probably have well over 100 members and we meet every month. Hunters have a monthly competition where they show their finds found in the last 30 days. Club members vote on the best single item of jewelry, group of jewelry, special finds and several other categories. It is always amazing to see what everyone finds in a month just by roaming the beaches and parks.

Our club belongs to a special group called Ring Finders International. Members of our club can sign up to become a ring finder and here is what they do. Visitors and residents visit the beach every day. They lather up with sun tan lotion, go into the water; which can make your skin shrink, and they start playing Frisbee, throwing a football, or simply swim in the water. Next thing they know they look down at their finger or arm and their ring, bracelet, or special necklace is missing; gone in the sand and surf. In some cases, these are special family pieces that have sentimental value beyond monetary value. In other cases, the monetary value of the item may have been substantial.

If the person suffering the loss does a computer search or talks to the personnel at their hotel front desks, they find or are told about the Ring Finders International. If searching on the computer for the local area, our club pops up on the search. Either way many give our club a call.

We have some club members who act as area coordinators who upon getting the call reach out to those club members who signed up to be part of this special group. The coordinator gets the specifics about location, time, activities they were doing, when did they discover the loss, any land markers they can share to help us locate the exact location. A group of club member volunteers show up at a specific time and place and start looking. Our coordinator tries to determine the depth of the water at the time of loss so that our search area is as accurate as possible.

Many times, the person knows almost exactly where they lost the item, but in other cases they have no clue and provide only general facts. I am happy to say that our find rate runs somewhere around 75%. One of the highlights of belonging to this group is being able to see the faces of the individuals when their lost item is presented back to them. Tears of joy usually flow, many say “*my wife was going to kill me if I lost my wedding ring*”, and everyone is amazed that we do this on a volunteer, no cost basis. If they desire to give a donation to the local club, we are happy to share with them how that can be done.

My husband started metal detecting over 30 years ago. He enjoys being outside in the fresh air, walking up and down the beach, but most of all he loves detecting in the water. Over the years some of his special finds have been a ladies Rolex watch (real), a platinum wedding band with a date engraved inside indicating it was only a week old, many class rings, several of which we were able to locate the owner and return the ring to them. One in particular stands out. My husband found a class ring at Clearwater Beach and then tried to find the school it was from. Finally, after many attempts we found the individual who lived in Ohio. Upon reaching them we found that their son had lost his class ring on spring break 3 years earlier. They thought it was gone for good and they would never see it again. They were shocked and surprised when we made contact with them and said we had found it. We returned it to them and they were so grateful. That ring had been in the water for a very long time but my husband happened upon it and was persistent in finding the owner.

Metal detecting is not only limited to the beaches. You can relic hunt in areas of interest; you can hunt while on cruises, you can even hunt overseas. We have taken the metal detector with us on many vacations and found several nice items.

If you are looking for a hobby, love being out in the fresh air, and can patiently wait for a find, give metal detecting a try. It can be a lot of fun!

United Airlines Invests in Battery-Maker Natron Energy
With Eye Toward Further Electrifying Ground Operations
November 30, 2022



United Airlines today announced a strategic equity investment in Natron Energy, a battery manufacturer whose sodium-ion batteries have the potential to help United electrify its airport ground equipment like pushback tractors and operations at the gate. United has made substantial investments in companies developing technology to reduce aircraft emissions, but Natron is the first that has the potential to reduce the greenhouse gas footprint from United’s ground operations.

“United Airlines Ventures was created to identify companies spearheading the next generation of innovative and emissions-reducing technology,” said Michael Leskinen, President of United Airline Ventures. “Out of the gate, we primarily focused on technology designed to help reduce carbon emissions from our airplanes. Natron’s cutting-edge sodium-ion batteries presented an ideal opportunity to both potentially expand our sustainability investment portfolio to our ground operations, and to help make our airport operations more resilient. United is looking forward to future opportunities to work with our airport partners on sustainable technology initiatives.”

United has more than 12,000 pieces of motorized ground equipment across its operations, of which about one third are currently electric. Natron's batteries could potentially be deployed in support of a number of uses, including:

- ▲ Charging electric ground equipment
- ▲ Charging anticipated future electric aircraft such as electric air taxis
- ▲ Allowing airport operations to manage electricity demand
- ▲ Greatly improving resiliency related to inclement weather

"Natron's sodium-ion batteries will help the aviation industry achieve its decarbonization and EV goals," said Colin Wessells, CEO of Natron Energy. *"Our batteries provide the high power over short distances that ground service equipment needs, and unlike lithium-ion, Natron's batteries are completely nonflammable and can be safely deployed into ground service operations."*

The sodium-ion batteries contain several features that distinguish them from existing battery technology. In addition to better output and cycle life than their lithium counterparts, testing performed by an independent testing service has shown these batteries to be nonflammable, a critical safeguard for the high usage and power that would be required for certain operations. The minerals used in sodium-ion batteries are abundant worldwide and are easily sourced, unlike lithium which is in short supply with demand expected to triple by 2025.

Natron plans to use the funds to accelerate production at its manufacturing facility in Holland, Michigan, where it will scale operations to begin mass production of UL-listed sodium-ion batteries in 2023.

Launched in 2021, UAV is a first-of-its-kind sustainability-focused ventures fund that targets startups, upcoming technologies, and concepts that will complement United's goal of net zero emissions by 2050 – without relying on traditional carbon offsets such as planting trees. UAV's portfolio now includes SAF producers and other technologies including carbon utilization, hydrogen-electric engines, electric regional aircraft, and urban air mobility.

United Brings Back Kids' Meals Onboard **November 9, 2022**



United Airlines today announced the return of kids' meals onboard, just in time for holiday travel. From chicken tenders and grilled cheese to French toast and dessert, children can now enjoy both breakfast and lunch/dinner menus on select United flights where complimentary meals are served. To request a kids' meal, customers can choose the "Children's Special Meals" option when booking a ticket or add a request to an existing reservation using the United® mobile app. Starting next year, kids' meals will be available for pre-order to customers traveling in eligible cabins on select United flights. With pre-order, our youngest travelers will be able to choose the kids' meal they want to enjoy onboard before departure of any United flight eligible for pre-order.

"We're committed to providing a great onboard experience for all of our customers, and we're thrilled to be able to offer our youngest flyers new, kid-friendly food options on select routes," said Aaron McMillan, United's managing director of hospitality and planning. *"We know there's a lot to balance when traveling as a family – especially during the busy holiday season – and hope this helps to put parents' minds at ease as they prepare for travel with us."*

United's kids' meals are available now on flights greater than 2,000 miles, in cabins where complimentary meal service is offered, and include kid-friendly breakfast and lunch/dinner options. For select domestic flights (including Hawaii) and international flights departing the U.S., the children's menu includes French toast with sausage, fruit and a croissant for breakfast, and chicken tenders with fruit, a dinner roll and dessert for lunch and dinner. For international flights returning to the U.S., children will also have the option of ordering the French toast meal for breakfast, but can order a grilled cheese sandwich with fruit, dinner roll and dessert for lunch and dinner.

United Becomes First U.S. Airline to Invest in Biofuel Refinery **November 15, 2022**

Today, United Airlines Ventures (UAV) announced a strategic investment in NEXT Renewable Fuels (NEXT), which is permitting a flagship biofuel refinery in Port Westward, Oregon, with expected production beginning in 2026. NEXT is a Houston-based company developing the biorefinery which, at full production,

could produce up to 50,000 barrels per day of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), renewable diesel, and other renewable fuels. UAV could invest as much as \$37.5 million into NEXT, as long as the company meets certain milestone targets.

“Right now, one of the biggest barriers to increasing supply and lowering costs of sustainable fuel is that we don’t have the infrastructure in place to transport it efficiently, but NEXT’s strategic location and assets solve that problem and provide a blueprint for future facilities that need to be built,” said Michael Leskinen, President of United Airline Ventures. *“We believe this investment will not only bolster NEXT’s ambitions and create near-term solutions to expand our SAF supply, but further demonstrates our commitment toward producing SAF at the scale necessary to decarbonize the aviation industry.”*

NEXT’s biorefinery offers several unique benefits including access to a deep-water port, an existing industrial-grade dock, and multi-modal logistics options, which facilitates access to feedstock options and fast-growth SAF offtake markets on the west coast. NEXT has secured an agreement with BP for sourcing 100 percent of its feedstock, further de-risking supply issues smaller facilities have historically experienced. NEXT has also received a crucial air permit from the State of Oregon. Once all the necessary approvals and permits are obtained and the biorefinery is operational, it has the potential to be used as a platform to scale SAF and deploy additional future technologies.

“The clean fuels industry is taking off and our access to feedstocks, multi-modal distribution, and major industry players positions us to be a leading SAF supplier on the West Coast,” said Christopher Efird, CEO and Chairperson of NEXT. *“United’s investment in NEXT strengthens our resolve to be one of the clean fuels leaders in the transportation sector.”*

Today’s announcement marks UAV’s fifth SAF-related technology investment, and its first investment directly in a biorefinery. United has been an industry leader in advocating for alternative jet fuel for years – including investing in more SAF production than any other airline in the world and flying the world’s first passenger flight using 100% SAF in one engine. United also launched the Eco-Skies Alliance program, which among its 30 corporate participants, has collectively purchased more than 7 million gallons of sustainable aviation fuel.

Launched in 2021, UAV is a first-of-its-kind sustainability-focused ventures fund that targets startups, upcoming technologies, and concepts that will complement United’s goal of net zero emissions by 2050 – without relying on traditional carbon offsets such as voluntary offsets or planting trees. To date, UAV’s portfolio includes SAF producers and other companies advancing technologies including carbon utilization, hydrogen-electric engines, electric regional aircraft and air taxis.

Torgy’s Travel Tips – January 2023 **Southampton Cruise Port**



I’ve been asked by readers of this column to provide more information on various cruise ports as I did a few years ago. So, this month’s column will explain how to easily navigate (excuse the pun) cruising out of the UK’s busiest international cruise port: Southampton, located on the south coast of England.

Cruising seems to be back in full swing after nearly 3 years of Covid restrictions. As of this date, most cruise lines have now lifted their mandatory pre-boarding Covid test protocols and US citizens may re-enter the USA without testing. With these 2 barriers gone it has eased the uncertainty surrounding international travel by ship. And that’s why my husband and I opted for a 14 day trans-Atlantic, positioning cruise from Southampton, England to Fort Lauderdale, FL a couple months ago.

We always travel to our embarkation port at least a day (or more) early to make sure we don’t miss our ship’s departure. This way, we attempt to avoid en-route delays due to weather, mechanical, labor interruptions or misrouted baggage. Having never been to Southampton before, we decided to have a mini-vacation in the area before the ship departed. I diligently searched online for transportation options from Heathrow to the port as well as hotel offerings in the area. There are a plethora of options and it is wise to consider the time of day you want to travel and how long you will feel comfortable traveling after a long overnight flight. Happily, I found just the right combination of convenience, location and price using public transportation.

No direct train service exists between Heathrow and Southampton. A change of train in either Waterloo

Station or Victoria Station in London is required, which makes the journey much more complicated and expensive than the option we took: National Express Bus (www.nationalexpress.com.uk). National Express is the largest operator of scheduled bus services in the UK. The buses are large, clean, with comfortable reclining seats, tinted windows and curtains. They offer free Wi-Fi, toilets and cordial drivers who load/unload your bags from the cargo area. National Express serves almost every population center in England, plus Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dublin and Belfast. There are 6 trips a day between LHR and Southampton and the journey takes 1:50 min. The bus stops at 3 points within the Heathrow Airport complex, making it easy to find no matter which terminal you arrive or depart from. United flights use terminal 2 and it is a mere 5-minute walk after claiming your bags to the “Central Bus Station” as indicated on overhead signs. If you arrive via BA in Terminal 5, National Express uses stops 11-15 outside of baggage claim. Each bus is white, with the destination clearly visible above the windshield and the route # displayed on the side and back. Since we were flying non-rev on BA, I waited till we had boarding passes in hand for our SEALHR flight before going online on my smart phone to purchase our bus tickets to Southampton. The confirmation was instantaneous and included a QR code which the bus driver simply scanned upon our boarding at Heathrow. The cost was £11.00 each. After a picturesque drive on the M3 via Basingstoke and Winchester we arrived in the seaside port of Southampton at Harbour Parade, the central coach station. Notably, the Southampton Central Train Station is about 2 blocks away but we arrived faster and with much less hassle!

There are 4 main international cruise terminals in Southampton: Queen Elizabeth II Cruise Terminal and Ocean Cruise Terminal (adjacent to each other) and the Mayflower Cruise and Horizon Cruise Terminals a few blocks west. Southampton was the departure point for the Mayflower that brought the pilgrims to Plymouth Rock and it is also famous as the boarding point for the maiden (and tragic) voyage of the Titanic. You will find plaques, street names and memorials to both ships all around Southampton.

Our Princess ship docked at the Queen Elizabeth Terminal and I found accommodations online so close-by that we actually walked to the embarkation point. The White Star Tavern on Oxford Street offered B&B type accommodations all themed around the Titanic ownership company, the White Star Line. Don't be off-put that the hotel has “tavern” in its name. It is a quaint, family-friendly establishment with a restaurant and licensed bar on the street level and 13 rooms upstairs. There are several alcoves appointed with couches and easy chairs on the main floor where you can savor a pint or cocktail while people watching the pedestrian-only street outside. The included breakfasts are **huge!** Another hotel named Room2Hometel, located on Queen's Terrace Rd is another convenient alternative. It has a sizeable lobby area with a coffee bar open to non-guests alike and large windows looking directly over Queen's Park to the QE terminal. It does not offer breakfast, however. If you are sailing on Carnival or Cunard which use the Mayflower Terminal, or MSC, NCL or Regent Seven Seas who use the Horizon Terminal, choose a hotel such as the Ibis or Novotel along West Quay Rd.

Now there's plenty to do in and around Southampton. There are several medieval walls and gateways still in existence and the city is small and easily walkable. Check out Bargate on York Walk, a pedestrian friendly zone, for a good example of a huge ancient city gate. You will find plenty of restaurants on this street, as well. Another fun trip is visiting the Isle of Wight. Remember the Beatles hit, “When I'm 64”? Paul sings, “Every

summer we could rent a cottage on the Isle of Wight, if it's not too dear.” Well, it's only a 25 minute ferry ride on the Red Jet fast ferry over to Cowes where you can hop on any of several Southern Vectis double-decker buses for great views all around the 23 x 13 miles of island. Both credit cards or Pounds are accepted on the bus and there are day pass options. We stopped by the Well-Bred Bakery & Cafe on High Street to grab one of their gigantic scones (big enough to feed both of us) before catching bus #1 to Newport, located in the center of the island. Transferring there to bus #2 takes you on a beautiful scenic drive through quaint villages all the way to the northeast coast port of Ryde. Here you are treated to great views of Southampton and Portsmouth across the Solent Strait. You can take #4 from Ryde to visit Queen Victoria's Osborne House and/or continue to the last stop of East Cowes. Then decide if you want to return to Southampton via the larger car and passenger ferry here, or, walk over the footbridge back to Cowes and catch the Red Jet fast ferry.

A full day adventure can be yours by also visiting nearby Portsmouth. A port city and naval base, Portsmouth is known for its maritime heritage and the Portsmouth Historic Dockyard. The National Museum of the Royal Navy houses the wooden warship HMS Victory (remember the Battle of Trafalgar & Admiral Nelson) and the Mary Rose, the historic ship from King Henry VIII's Tudor Navy



which sank in the year 1545. This sunken ship was raised from the Solent Strait in 1982 and is undergoing restoration at the museum. It is a remarkable exhibit, housed in a climate controlled and lighted environment to prevent further deterioration. Portsmouth has several designated walking paths in the Dockyards as well as ferry service to/from the Isle of Wight. Travel time by train is 40 minutes from Southampton, or for a real adventure, take a public double-decker bus with the locals and see all the villages between the two port cities. You will definitely thank your bus driver who has to negotiate all the tiny, winding lanes and traffic while keeping on schedule on this route –kind of like Mr. Toad’s Wild Ride! A note of caution: the bus does not operate back to Southampton after 4PM because of too much congestion on these tiny roads.

So, when your next cruise leaves out of Southampton, or you feel inclined to visit the south coast of England, keep all these tips in mind. Cheerio!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



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Our December meeting was hosted by **Jim & Donna Gooch** in their beautiful home in Homewood, AL. Joining Jim & Donna were **Bobby & Jean Cox**, **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Travis & Zoe Glass** and daughter **Terrissa Mendum**, **Joe & Jane Jones** and guests **Dr. Kent & Belva Johns**.

Anniversary wishes to **Jim & Donna Gooch** on December 20, and birthday wishes to **Herb Wilbanks** on December 8, **Bobby Cox** on December 30 and **Travis Glass** on December 31.

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

ARIZONA

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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The year is coming to a close. Hope it was a good year for all of you! Our November breakfast brought some visitors. **Pam Gilbertson** retired from SFOCS and previously worked in SFORR, SFOTO, PHXOZ, SJCOZ, SMFCS and finished in SFOCS; Pam lives in Surprise. **Esther Cohen** retired from SANCS but worked in SFOTO and SEARR; she is a friend of **Pam Gilbertson** and she brought a friend not connected with UAL. Pam found us on the RUAEA site. The group closer to her would be the Phoenix Azures but she could not find any information on their meetings. Maybe she will join our group despite the long drive. **Orland Baldwin** brought his sister from Spokane with him. We had 23 people at our November breakfast.

Next breakfast is scheduled for December 16 at 9AM, Black Bear Diner, 1890 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert. Please notify our VP **Peg Snowdall**, (480) 396-3317 or email her, phomfeldt@cox.net a couple days before so she can notify the restaurant. We have a private room to the left as you enter the restaurant.

December Birthdays ~ **Jim Brigante** (12/2), **Ginny Rockenhauser** (12/7), **Marilyn Fairley** (12/12), **Sandi Fowler** (12/15), **Doreen Cloud** (12/16), **Iris Henrikson** (12/24) and **Peggy Snowdall** (12/31).

December Anniversaries ~ **Mike & Iris Hendrikson** (12/4), **John & JoAnne Griffin** (12/18) and **Chuck & Jennifer Strohmaier** (12/18).

We had 40 attend our Christmas Luncheon on December 6. We met at the caterer's home and enjoyed delicious food on his patio. The White Elephant gift giving was fun with some interesting gifts exchanged.

Happy Holidays and may 2023 bring us all good health and happy days!

Calendar:

December 16 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at rpddgarlic41@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.

Calendar:

December 14 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM at **Vincent & Kay Neidlinger**'s home in Redding.



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We are about to start another year after celebrating Thanksgiving and looking ahead to Christmas and January 1st. Our Chapter didn't have much news to report and our membership has dwindled. We used to have a Christmas present exchange party, but with the COVID we cancelled it the past three or four years. This year will be no different. Our President **Mike Zoldak** said our December luncheon will be on December 14th at our favorite Rosa's restaurant in Pismo Beach. Again, my wife's and my health problems will keep us from attending. I hope there will be a good turn out and Mike will let me know of any news.

Mike did tell me of the next 2023 Convention that will be held again in San Diego on September 29 to October 4. He is advising members early enough, if they plan on attending. I used to visit San Diego since my cousin lived there who worked for one of the big aircraft companies. He also was a founding member of the airplane museum that is in Balboa Park. It has been several years since I visited San Diego so I hope I have the museum location correct. He was also involved in the museum in San Carlos, CA. More than once did he fly up from San Diego to stay with us while he visited the museum.

I just received the December Newsletter and from what I read, it was a very well received Convention. There were only a few names I recognized that the various Chapters wrote about. It has been 35 years since I retired, so not remembering names that I have had no contact with, is easy to do. The same goes for not flying anywhere anymore. I'm just happy remembering the good one days and especially prior to the jet age and moving from MDW to ORD.

Have you ever heard a flight attendant make this announcement? *"We are pleased to have some of the best pilots in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight."*

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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The Desert Sunbirds met for lunch on December 14th at the Miracle Springs Resort and Spa in Desert Hot Springs, CA; hosted by **Gay Traber**.

Sadly, we have lost two members since our last report; **Dee Whately** passed away on October 13 and **Shirley (Spitl) Schiewe** passed away on November 16.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Happy New Year to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! I hope your December was one of fun and memorable get-togethers with family and friends. As I write this on December 7, it feels like 2023 is a long time away, but then I look at my calendar and all it takes is to flip one page and voila! It's 2023!

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. We average about 16 people at our meetings throughout the year, but virtually all our members come to our June meeting which is a catered BBQ luncheon; and to our December meeting at Zio Fraedo's.

Our December luncheon was held on December 5 at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill with 24 members in attendance. What a wonderful way to start the holidays, being with good friends we see often. This restaurant is known for their prime rib, but others at my table said their chicken cordon bleu and salmon were also excellent. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** were the cashiers. **Joe Leather** collected the raffle money and **Tom Cunningham** called out the winning numbers. As in years past, our very crafty and clever **Wilma Leather** made darling favors for everyone. She comes up with the cutest ideas every year. This year it was a small snowman ornament made out of three white wooden beads for the body, and a black bead and washer-shaped bead for the hat. I am not the least bit creative so I admire anyone who is. You could give me three white beads, a black bead and the washer-shaped bead and I still would have no idea what to do with it! **Carol Parks** brings candy to every meeting and she gave everyone Ghirardelli Squares. It was great to see **Jack & Judi Smith** who missed our November meeting. Jack has finished his round of radiation and says he is doing well. We collect Toys for Tots at this meeting and we had a nice collection of gifts for kids of all ages. After the meeting, "the guys" bundled up all the toys in giant plastic bags and loaded them into **Diane Griego's** vehicle for delivery to the fire department.

Reservoir levels ~ Last month I asked Californians to start doing Rain Dances. Actually, now we need the whole country doing it for all the areas in the U.S. that are in severe drought. If you want to follow reservoir levels yourself, the link is at <https://www.americangeosciences.org/critical-issues/maps/interactive-map-water-levels-major-reservoirs-california>. Go to the fourth paragraph and click on the green "here" to get daily totals. The graphs show current levels and historical average levels for that date for all major California reservoirs. Our three largest reservoirs are Shasta, Oroville and Trinity. Between November 1 and December 7, two of the three lost water. Shasta's water level dropped from 38% of capacity to 31%. Oroville dropped from 31% to 28%, and Trinity stayed the same at 22% of capacity. I also follow the Lake Shasta water level at <https://shasta.uslakes.info/Level/>. Between November 1 and December 7, Lake Shasta's water level remained the same - 919 feet deep, which is 148 feet below full.

Therapy dogs at SJC ~ My friend Barbara and her English Cream Golden Retriever Bailey, and I and my Miniature Poodle Bijou, did not get to the airport in November. However, we are going on Thursday, December 8th, and I'll report on that next month. Bijou's picture and bio are now on the SJC website with all the other therapy animals at <https://www.flysanjose.com/therapy-animals>

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or tbcunningham43@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. At our meeting on December 5, Barbara again asked me to thank everyone who has been sending her cards.

Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. According to Feeding America, an estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020. Troops in junior enlisted ranks are especially vulnerable to food insecurity — almost 30% need help.

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. If you are scissors impaired, ask your grandkids to help! For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say "Manufacturer's Coupon". If they come in a strip, could you please cut it into separate coupons? The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper.

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. On

November 12th, I turned in a whopping 2078 coupons to my DAR coupon chair. I wish you could have seen the look on her face when I gave her the very heavy envelope! November's total was high because two RUAEA members, **Trudy Engeldinger** in CA and **Sherry Hughes** in TX sent manila envelopes bursting at the seams with coupons! Then on December 3rd, I turned in another 641. I would like to thank the East Bay Diablos members who bring coupons to our meetings - **Tracey Blanchard, Barb Cunningham, Tom Johnson, Glenda Kennedy, Margaret McGhee, Carol Parks** and **Russ Schleske**. I would also like to thank the many people all over the U.S. who are mailing coupons to me - **Julia Montalvo** in FL, **Paul Pfisterer** in PA, **Sue Sealey** and **Sheryl Schubert** in CO, **Rosalie Betschart** in OR, **Marcella Kern** and **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Barbara Sakely** and **Lindy Perkins** in IL, (first name unknown) **Lockhart** in NY, and a mystery person in Millbrae CA (name not in return address). Thank you all!

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

- ▲ Monday, January 2 at 11:00. — El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, December 29.
- ▲ Monday, February 6 at 11:00.— Meeting place to be voted on at the January meeting. It will be either Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord; or The Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, February 2.

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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By the time you read this, Thanksgiving and Christmas will have prepped us for 2023 and all the new and exciting ventures and adventures we get to face this coming New Year. We have all had our share of Covid – our arms look like pin cushions – then comes the wretched Flu bug and more shots in the arm! The kiddies are back in school and are sharing more bugs and we are back to masking again. Looks like this is going to be an ongoing “I don’t know what you have, you’ll just have to ride it out” kind of answer from your local Doc (and then you get his bill!)

There are plenty of things to be thankful for. We, here on the left coast, have finally gotten some much needed rain and the snow pack in the Sierras is looking great. Our reservoirs will start to fill up and our farmers will get to water their crops. The Golden Gaters will get to enjoy the use of the Recreation Center in Foster City for the 2023 year – the building is quite old and is in need of repair. Plans are in the making for a new facility ... but it will take the year, plus some, to get recommendations put together.

Our group is dwindling and the Board decided (gasp) to lower our dues to \$10 per member – bet you haven’t heard of anyone, or anything, (in this area,) lowering prices. Our meetings will change slightly – we will have our regular meeting with BYOBL (bring your own bag lunch,) we will not serve food on a regular basis. For special occasions we will go to a local restaurant for lunch – here is what we plan:

- ▲ January 23rd – BYOBL - Meeting
- ▲ February 27th – Meeting then off to a local Chinese Restaurant to Celebrate Chinese New Years
- ▲ March 27th – BYOBL possibly have a speaker – will advise everyone in January.

Please send in ... better yet ... come to the meeting and pay your dues – Treasurer, **Peter Cooper**, 1583 Roberta Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403 will gladly take your check. Make your check out to UAL Retirees.

If anyone wants to volunteer to take over the Kitchen duties, please let us know; this is the reason we have had to change our method for our meetings. We will still have Pot Luck luncheons as they are very popular, box meals from KFC, Subway Sandwiches, Pizza, the list goes on. Any suggestions?

We looked forward to our Christmas luncheon at The Fish Market – lot of laughter, tasty food and some wild and wooly sweaters. Missing from our regulars – **Ella Mae Donovan** fell and broke her arm and hip and will spend time recouping. **Kathy Hutt** has moved to Idaho to be close to her family. **Pat Ortega** broke a bone in her foot and is looking gorgeous with her new “boot,” she did get to the Fish Market tho! I see that **Connie**

Glattly is hanging up her typewriter – back in the day, I was on the committee for the convention in MSP and had so much fun being around her. What a hoot!! (Do Loonies hoot?) Happy re-retirement dear Connie, enjoy lounging around, eating bon-bons and staying warm. Several of our members are sailing away on the Royal Princess Comedy Cruise (5 nights/6 days) SFO/at Sea/SAN/Ensenada/at Sea/SFO – special California rates that are hard to beat. Let Ginger know if you want to come along (see above email/phone.)

Special thanks go out to both President **Vera Kina** for all her hard work and keeping us on the straight and narrow and Auditor **Gene Walter** for his many years on the Board. You are very much appreciated.

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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Here we are, after Halloween but not all the way to Thanksgiving yet. These wonderful events show off the beautiful season of Fall so well. I love the crisp air, the gorgeous colors the trees create to let us know we are nearing the end of yet another year. I know I may say this often, but “time” really does just fly by so fast! I remember when I was a kid (a million years ago) that I was so impatient to get thru the day/week/month/year – little did I know how precious that time was and that I would one day want it to slow down – ah, the ignorance/simplicity of youth! Enough lamenting and day dreaming, I must always remember that every day is a gift; one that I can carefully pull open the bow and slide off the paper to see what is inside for me to experience.

Our great president, **Rudy Blazius**, opened our monthly meeting with a “Thank You” to **Gina Kenworthy** for setting things up with the Olive Garden in Folsom for us. You can always count on having a delicious meal here. They are well known for their all you can eat salads & soups, but the rest of their lunch specials are equally as generous and tasty. You don’t have to choose from that menu, of course, and you can be assured that you will have a great meal there. We did get to say “Welcome” to a couple of guests this month; **John Muir** brought his friend, **AnnMarie**, **Gina**’s friend, **Chris** joined us at the very end, and **Ed & Lindalee**’s son, **Tim**, joined us as well. Apparently none of our couples got married in November, but we did have one birthday girl – **Pati Kenney**! And, she brought “gifts” for us to share – a basket full of those little, free note tablets that we all receive in the mail! Happy Birthday, Pati! And to any of you who may get to celebrate this month.

*President ~ **Rudy Blazius** pretty much covered everything in the rest of the meeting – good job, Rudy!*

*Vice President ~ **J.R. Heier** was quite busy making sure everyone received their donator’s ticket and that we all had a chance to buy (6 for \$5) raffle tickets.*

*Treasurer ~ As always, our Treasurer, **Tom Kenny**, was on top of things – great guy – and he let us know that our checking balance is healthy. Tom is collecting dues for the 2023 year. For the first time in 15 years, we voted to increase our dues to \$15.00. Of course, this includes your spouse. So, make out your \$15 check to Hangtown Miners and send it to, **Tom Kenny**; 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA 95667 –or- you can bring it to the December luncheon (more info below). (I realize that we have several members who, for one reason or another, are not able to attend our monthly luncheons/meetings, but who still want to be part of our group, keeping in touch with old friends, hearing all the info that is brought to share – especially info about UAL. I encourage you to send in your membership dues so you don’t miss out on anything, and, hopefully you will be able to join us in person!)*

Tom has been diligent about getting as many tools as he can to help out the students enrolled in the Sacramento City College’s A & P Program. Individuals who read about this effort have contacted him to let him know that they have tools that they would like to donate to the program. **Bill Gibson** made a quick trip over to Milbrae to pick up tools from two ladies and then brought them on up to this luncheon. **Dave Garland** is talking to the members of the Gold Diggers to see if any of them want to clean out their old tool boxes and make room in their garages. If you have any tools, or know of someone who would like to donate some (you do get a receipt to put in your tax return), please get in touch with Tom (or Rudy) and let them know.

*Secretary ~ At first, **Jane Gibson** said she didn’t have anything to report, however, she asked to have a “redo” on that later and extended a very heartfelt “Thank You” to all our members (and beyond) who served in*

one of the branches of our country's armed forces. We all need to recognize the importance of the time that is served defending our country. I, again, thank all who gave their time in this manner no matter how or where you found yourself while in the service.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** did not have any problems to report. We hope that means that all of you are doing well and in good health, having fun(?), staying safe.

Old Business ~ Last month we passed around the sign-up sheet for hosting our luncheons in 2023. I'm very happy to report that almost all the months have a host – except for the month of August! So, who would like to take this on? Let me know as soon as possible so we can be sure we have all months covered.

Just so you know, your officers for 2023 are ready to tackle it!

Again, dues for 2023 are now being collected. Dues are now \$15 for the year. See Treasurer section!

Now, our biggest and most important subject is: December Luncheon! **Suzanne Kenny** has really been a tower of strength this year. She found the time to zero in on a great location for our last lunch together this year. As you know, we have held this luncheon at the American Legion Hall for the past several years. While this has always been a comfortable place to get together, we thought that it would be nice to have a bit of a change of pace. This year we will be dining at the Smith Flat House in Placerville. A wonderful menu has been selected; the date and time are set.

Just a reminder – this time of the year is a wonderful time, but, not everyone is blessed with a warm home, a reliable support system, financial stability, good health. We may not be able to help all who are in need, we can help to make the holiday a little bit easier and happier for some. That being said, the Hangtown Miners are always so generous by bringing toys which will be distributed here in the county and donating food that will also be shared with locals. I was at Wal-Mart the other day and there are so many cute, fun toys and games that don't cost an arm and a leg – or if you cringe at the thought of going to the toy section of your favorite store – pick up a gift card instead! It doesn't have to be for a large amount but anything helps. For the food, canned is the best/easiest (if they have a "pull top" select that as not everyone has a can opener handy) and there's such a wide variety out there now. Boxes of Mac & Cheese, pastas, sauces – you know, something tasty that isn't going to spoil.

New Business ~ Rudy asked **Angie Dellinger** if there is a date scheduled for the RUAEA Convention 2023. Angie let us know that the convention will be at the Dana in San Diego again the week of September 29th to October 4th. Keep in mind that you do not have to be a RUAEA member to attend the convention.

We want everyone to know that the UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion will be going on again in 2023! We have it scheduled for October 3, 4, 5, with the barbecue happening on Wednesday, October 4th. We will continue to be at the Carson Valley Inn and use their open grassy space by the RV parking. More info will be coming out.

Sadly, we have received the news that **Charlie Banfield** has passed away. Many of you may have worked with Charlie (OV & PV). Our condolences go out to his family.

I asked Rudy how **Linda Dinette** is doing "Hi, Linda!" and he said she's doing okay. He has been trying to help her wade thru all the paperwork involved with working with the VA system. There are programs that can help her out. Bill unfortunately experienced lung problems due to exposure to Agent Orange during his time in Vietnam. Hoping you will be coming to the luncheons again soon, Linda!

I know we are past November 11 – Veterans Day – but keep in mind that many restaurants give free meals to veterans on that day. **John Muir** reminded us that at the American Legion they will have a meal and a band – come on by and join in the merriment!

Thom Biro let us know that **Ernie Katley** passed away on October 29th. Our condolences to his family.

UAL has started up their Apprentice Program again! Several of you may have been in this same program way back when. The airline industry is looking at a very real need for trained personnel to work in various fields – mechanics for sure. Many mechanics who had training while in the military were able to easily transition into the public sector. The light hearted chatter that ensued on this topic was so fun – but impossible to get written down – but there was lots of laughing when they shared some of the nicknames - like; "twidgets"(A&E), Grease Monkey, Knuckle Draggers (A&P). This bunch sure have a good time together!

Rudy brought our meeting to a close but first shared this: "Shout out to everyone who can remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday! You are my people!

A big "Thank You" to all who brought something for our raffle: **Kenney** – Christmas tablecloth/ crystal candle holders; **Dale Pope** – 3 holiday signs, scarf; **Doe Pope** – coco bombs, candy corn; **Heier** – wine; **Kenny** – bird feeder edibles, bird house; **Blazius** – small clutch purse; Dellinger – wall hanger; **Akin** – 2 dozen eggs; **Trebnik** - wine, Ipad holder; **Biro** – 2 fall pillows; **Muir** – goodie basket (I think). Winner of the donator's prize – Mr. Rudy! Oh, we do not have our raffle in December - bring toys and food instead!



RESANS

San Diego, CA

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I am writing the first report of the New Year and reminiscing about the year just passed. The RUAEA Convention was a great success and it felt like a family reunion! We had representation from RUPA and ARECA and they plan to join us next year!

The Convention for 2023 will be in San Diego, September 29th to October 4th. Keep the dates open and we hope you can join us.

John Chu joined us and he was acknowledged for his work and supporting the correspondents with the monthly RUAEA Newsletters. We look forward to another good year and continuing success as we move forward. By the way, John is an excellent dancer!

The RESANS Holiday Luncheon was held at Hunter's Steakhouse, but this year we all drove to the restaurant in Oceanside as the one in SAN has closed. There were thirty seven in attendance despite the longer drive. We all enjoyed a friendly, professional staff and the food as good as always. I heard many comments that the steaks were worth the longer drive!

We were joined by new member, **Alex Cortez**, a recent retiree from SANCS. We are looking forward to his joining us at our Breakfasts in 2023.

Visitors are always welcome! Come join us!

Calendar:

January 5 - Breakfast 10:00AM, Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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SACRAMENTO



The Gold Diggers did not meet in November in lieu of the Thanksgiving holiday. Sadly, we lost two longtime members in November:

Judie King, our treasurer for at least the last twenty years passed away on November 3rd. Judie had fallen at the Los Angeles airport on her way to a cruise and broke both knees and her shoulder. This event happened in early October. She was back in Grass Valley recovering when other problems developed. She appeared to be getting better but then the worst happened. Judie was the wife of **Ronnie King** who retired from SFOX in 1994. Ronnie served as President of the Gold Diggers in 2000 and passed away in 2016. Judie was also the Treasurer for the RUAEA 2007 Convention in Sacramento. The family has let us know that there will be a memorial service in the spring.

The other long time member was **Sonda Sandstedt**. Sonda had been battling cancer for several years. She passed away on November 23rd with her family surrounding her. Sonda had worked in SFOCS and CLTOZ from where she retired in 2003. Sonda & Dick returned to California and settled in Lake of the Pines in Auburn. Sonda became active with the Gold Diggers and RUAEA. She was Gold Diggers President in 2016 and then moved on to be Regional Director for RUAEA. Sonda's husband Dick passed away in 2012 also from cancer. Sonda's region was primarily Northern California where she made many new friends visiting the chapters. With some regional adjustments, she also took on the Carolinas. She had lived there and still had many contacts. Sonda was able to attend the 2022 RUAEA Convention in San Diego and at Gold Diggers October luncheon, she let the members know what a great time she had. She alluded to how special that convention was, the peaceful atmosphere being near the water, dining on the terrace, and spending time with old and new friends. Both ladies will be sadly missed and fondly remembered.

Sonda's Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, December 3rd in Auburn: It was a beautiful service with many Gold Diggers in attendance. Reverend Daniel Spacek gave an interesting review of Sonda's life. **Sonda Ward** grew up in Flint, Michigan with a couple of sisters and a brother. After college, Sonda attended modeling

school in San Francisco and after becoming a model; she returned to Flint and worked as a model for Montgomery Ward. Some thought she might be a relative, **Sonda Ward** modeling for Montgomery Ward. She would meet **Dick Sandstedt** and they got married six months later. They have four children, two sons and two daughters, Eric, Scott, Colette and Dania. Sonda later begin a career with United Airlines in San Francisco in Customer Service. At one point, she would relocate to Charlotte with United where she retired in 2003. Sonda was a very active person and got involved with many activities. She joined RUAEA, was a member of the Gold Diggers, and was in various clubs at Lake of the Pines. Sonda and Dick helped with the 2007 RUAEA Convention in Sacramento. She also was a volunteer Ambassador at the Sacramento Airport. You all know of her many years with RUAEA as a Regional Director, always willing to help where needed.

Daughter Colette gave a heartfelt account of the growing up years and later as adults with many stories. It sounds as though it was a very close family with plenty of guidance from the parents. Dick passed away in 2012 from cancer.

After the service, there was an open house at Sonda's home. Many people attended and exchanged stories about Sonda. Colette shared a story about the purple wig. The kids got her some wigs last year and a purple one for Christmas. Sonda wasn't sure about wearing them but got used to it and wanted to bring them to the Convention. Once in San Diego she found that she had forgot the purple wig and called Colette asking is she could get it to her somehow. Instead of sending that wig, which was kind of long, she went to Amazon and had the one she wore at Convention, it was a little shorter than the one at home.



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Our final get together for 2022 is scheduled for Thursday, December 8th and we are all looking forward to this fun event.

We are planning an ornament exchange, which is always a lot of fun. A member (or guest) brings an ornament and exchanges it with another individual. In this way that person gets to take home a different ornament which they can share with their family and display in their home.

It's time to say goodbye to our president **Steve Foster** who has led our group for approximately 3 years and he has done a fantastic job. Thank you Steve (from all of us) for all you have done for our group and now you can sit back and relax. He is turning the gavel over to **Bob Scoble** who will take on the position of president for the next year or ????. We will still see Steve and Jacque at our monthly meetings.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year from all of us to all of you. I'll give you an update in my next report in 2023

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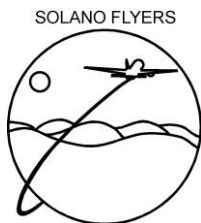
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There is no report this month from the SFO/SJC Southbay chapter of RUAEA.



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The Officers who served the Solano Chapters consist of President **Larry Jackson**, Vice President **Allan Pochop**, Treasurer **Jo Anne Blizzard**, Master at Arms **Allan Pochop**, Secretary **Allan Pochop** and Sunshine Person **Dorothy Robinson**.

Our 50/50 Drawing tickets are sold at \$1 per ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets are deposited in the ticket roller. This month's winner was **Rich Cox**.

Birthdays ~ **Lucy Perez**

Anniversaries ~ None

Twelve members attended this month's meeting. Our next Meeting was scheduled for December 21 but because of the proximity to Christmas, the group decided to cancel the December meeting. We will gather again on January 18, 2023.

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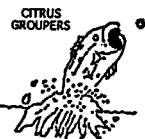
Our monthly meeting was opened with the pledge. **Paul Goodyear** is going to be our new Vice President.

The 50/50 winners were **Virginia Hansen**, **Richard Conner (2x)**, **Ginger Spate**, and **Patty Weakland**.

Paul Goodyear gave tribute to his mother, **Nancy E. Goodyear**, who passed away on October 15, 2022: Nancy was born on March 29, 1933. Her husband Tom survives her; they were married on November 24, 1956. They had 3 children: Paul, Drew, and Amy, 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. She was a part of the RUAEA Mile Highers, and with her very kind and compassionate personality, made others feel welcome at the RUAEA events. She and Tom traveled to many of the RUAEA national conventions and they made many friends there. We will all miss her very much.

Our next meeting will be January 5th with a holiday party at Tedz Place in Commerce City.

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

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Maggiano's Italian Kitchen was the festive setting for our Annual Christmas Luncheon on December 6th! Completed with a beautiful Christmas tree for picture-taking and table decorations of the season, 33 Real McCoys gathered at noon to ring in the holidays.

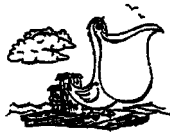
Who were those lucky seniors? President **Al** & First Lady **Lois Fields**, Past President **Ernie** & Lady **Cheryl Vosges**, Vice-President **Ted LeGrand III**, **Sen Lai**, Treasurer **Charlotte** & **Ted Legrand**, Secretary & Photographer **Elaine** & **Joe Mannella**, chief party decorator **Connie Lenard**, musical arranger & singer **Mack Chandler**, **Tom** & **Peg Cannata**, **Dennis Schuster** & **Nicki**, **Howard Peterson**, **Tony Artica** & **Maria**, **Dick** & **Cathy Benson**, **Joe** & **Barb Fitak**, **Al** & **Joanne Mollet**, **Loretta Finn**, **Monte** & **Patti Clark**, **Maureen** & **Mike Sterinsky**, **Diane Lewis** & **Bob Olsen** and **Linda Agnella**!

Our only order of business was selecting and voting on the charities we will donate to this Christmas. In addition to donating to Ukraine and to the American Red Cross for our own FL disasters from Hurricanes Ian & Nicole this year, we voted to donate our charity funds to the VA Recreation Therapy Program & the Adaptive Sports Program and our yearly support for Russell House for Atypical Children. Unanimously passed by all present!

The Orlando Real McCoys wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with good health & happiness!

SW PELICANS DROP-INS

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

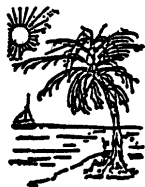
New members are always welcomed. Our luncheon meetings take place the first Friday of the month at 11:30 am. We presently meet at the Summerlin Café, 11370 Summerlin Square Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. Please call (239) 888-2744 for more information.

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Our Christmas Luncheon was held at Outback Steakhouse in Trinity with 12 members in attendance. Everyone had a good time with lots of laughter. We wished Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

We had a Get-Well card for **Dave Lodge**; everyone signed it.

It was nice to see everyone. Social time.

It was a wonderful get-together.

Calendar:

January 2, 2023 – IHOP - 10:30

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

HAWAII



HONOLULU MENEHUNES

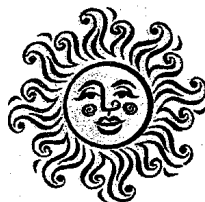
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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

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

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We held our Christmas luncheon at Ling and Louie's Restaurant in Meridian, ID with twelve members attended this activity. Happy Holidays to all!

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January—It's the year two thousand and twenty three! 23! Wow, did you ever think you'd live this long? I didn't. For some quirky reason, I thought I'd die at 50. And here I am, many years later. I should've saved for retirement a little better. Social Security gave us a raise of 8.7 percent. Medicare part B is going down about 5 percent. Part A is going up about 2 percent. Part D is for medicine, looks like it depends what plan you chose to determine the price. Of course, you decided that last month. So, did we make out OK? Any raise is better than nothing. That's your penance for living this long. What should we do this year? Get your last trip to Europe? Finally see the Grand Canyon or Bryce Canyon? Or the beautiful, mystifying pyramids? I've been doing some studying up on how those were built, so interesting. Of course, there's still the theory that folks from outer space came here thousands of year ago and built them. How else could they get that shape and set all of those heavy stones without cranes or modern equipment? The same thoughts go for Stonehenge, another mystery of life. Ah, so many thoughts, questions and suspicions. Makes history so thought provoking. Too bad those early nations didn't just write in English instead of the hieroglyphics or symbols they used. We'll find out the first week we get to heaven. They'll send us to an indoctrination, just like at United our first week, History of Early Earth 101. Our next class will be, What Really Happened with Kennedy, Hitler, King Tut, The Ark of the Covenant, did Shakespeare really write those plays? Different geoglyphs in the ground depicting creature, people, plants, and geometric figures many feet long. They can only be seen from the sky so who made them and what were they supposed to depict? There's that Little Green Men theory again ... Speaking of the Bard, here are some good Shakespeare quotes, "We know what we are, but know not what we may be." "The fault ... is not in our stars, but in ourselves." "Don't waste your love on somebody who doesn't value it." "I wish my horse had the speed of your tongue." And, "I dote on his very absence." Hmm, wish I thought of that one.

Do you bother with resolutions? I don't, at this point, maybe try to be a better person, but it doesn't last long once I lose my patience and swear at somebody. It happens.

The January flowers are the Carnation, always a favorite, and the Snowdrop. The carnation dated back to ancient Greece, it comes in many colors and conveys different meanings, love, innocence, admiration, disappointment and regret. The snowdrop is the earliest in the garden to bloom, it emerges in late winter or early spring. It signifies hope and beauty that winter is over and spring is on its way.

Remember back to 2020, we couldn't go out, so we sent our grocery order to the Jewel or Costco, went to the store and picked up our things, or they dropped them off? That was a nice convenience, but I guess I'm too fussy, if I say a small red onion, I want one without bruises, or the size of Vermont. How about a nice medium sized Yukon potato? Not one with brown spots, green plants growing out of it, those boil-looking white blemishes on it, or the super sized. Instead, I get huge split onions, baking potatoes, with leper-looking moles on it. These young kids don't care what you're looking for; they just grab what's on top. They're probably better at picking your next husband than your next asparagus or strawberries. But, it's good to get out again.

The Northside Breakfast had 13 people, **Charlie Lewis, Ginny Vlach, Dave Dunham, Jerry Tipperreiter, Pam Boydston, Virginia Kondraros, Marge Stamm, Kathy Cufar, Eleanor Henderson, Margaret Longo, Linda Addante, Janet Higdon, and Vicky Heuer.**

The mechanics of ORDMM had 10 men, **Harry Kargenian, Bob Palm, Jim Kraft, Fred Seibert, Frank Wenig, Paul Skrudland, Cas Paprocki, Rich Protsman, Pierre Lupori, and Jim Vitte.**

The ORDMM foremen included **Bob Smietanski, Tom Abraham, Glenn Hill, and Stan Chmieliwicz.** All groups talked about the holidays, visiting relatives and wondering when they would travel again. Along with that went the obvious subject of body parts that are not working very well anymore and family and friends that we've lost.

The IAM Lodge 1487 had their Christmas party at The Seville on December 1. **Dave Roderick, Mary Alice Parker,** and all of their helper-elves did a fabulous job of planning, decorating, volunteering, and so much more. About 115 had a wonderful time, winning lots of prizes, and enjoying the food with a little imbibing of Christmas cheer. Even I won a few prizes, made my day. Sat with my ORDMM friends, **Carol & Dean Hackenberg, LB & Pat Neal, Lynn & Don Tutt, and Deanna & Dick Hoppel.** So good to see old friends at Christmas with their holiday finery and delicious food.

The Chicago Skyliners had their Christmas Luncheon on December 6, with 114 people, at the Avalon. **Virginia Monaco** planned another beautiful gala for our chapter. She had a very helpful team to assist her, **Joan Teister, Ken Thiede, Jim Sommerfield,** and the management at the Avalon has always been so tremendous to work with. **Toni Van Kampen** and **Howard Nelson** took pictures of the party. You can look up chicagoskyliners.org to see them. We were entertained by The Madrigal Singers from the Rolling Meadows High School wearing beautiful 18th century costumes. They were so talented and a big hit. Hope we can have them back again. Lots of retirees won money and other prizes from the raffles. We gave 50 percent of the raffle donations to the St. Nicholas Church of Elk Grove. Coupled with our Monetary Food Collection, the total was \$600, so very abundant for over 30 families. Father Manny was very appreciative of your unselfish generosity. Thank you everyone for your kindness and attendance of our parties. We'll see how the world goes in the next few months for scheduling our next Luncheon. Hopefully, it will be in the Spring.

On the way home, I took a ride passed the old EXO. Maybe I shouldn't have. There are many mounds of dirt from the North, South and Training center buildings. Only half the hotel is left, hard to see. That's the last trip for me.

Sunday is named for the Sun, it's derived from Hellenistic astrology, where the seven planets each had an hour of the day assigned to them. The planet which was first during the first hour of any day of the week gave its name to that day, ergo, sun-day.

Some interesting airline news, United its letting passengers chose kids meals for their flight. If you're traveling with kids, you might want to check if you can get them, even with your 20% discount. The article wasn't really specific. But we are supposed to be real people on that fare, so why not?

Another item comes from Frontier Airlines, they will no longer offer call-based customer service. All requests will be digitally based, including their app and through their chat. They will still use the Chat Option to help, and there will be actual humans to talk with in some cases. It's to keep up with cost pressure of fuel, people, and airplanes. About 225 employees will lose their jobs. I hope this idea doesn't carry over to other airlines.

There's an airline in New York, Archer Airlines, that has joined with United to carry passengers between EWR and NYC, at the Manhattan Heliport, above Battery Park on Pier 6. The proposed route marks the first route in the eVTOL industry, (electronic Vertical Takeoff and Landing). It's a take-off and landing aircraft, that can hover, take off and land vertically. The trip will take about 10 minutes in its all-electric Midnight aircraft, a low-noise, sustainable and safe-alternative to helicopters. A similar journey by car can take upwards of over an hour or more in rush-hour traffic. The first of this (UAM-Urban Air Mobility) won't take place until 2025, and then Archer will begin on working between other cities and airports. No price is listed yet for this service.

Our fellow UAL'ers that flew West last month are **Carl Bowling,** ORDMM, another one of the 'good guys', **Robert Hubbell** and **John Pasakairnis,** ORDCG, **Susan Magrit,** EXOCU, and **Bob Kalicki,** EXOKA, a kind, generous man. He was the president of the Skyliners for about seven years, plus on the Board also, a wonderful, thorough leader. We would do anything for him. He will be missed by all of us. Prayers go to his wife, Pat, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He had a close knit family. That tells you a lot about a man. He put up a valiant effort but the cancer won out. RIP. Also gone from our world include, Comedian Gallagher (smashing watermelons), actors John Aniston (Days of our Lives and Jennifer's father), Robert Clary (Hogan's Heroes, who really was in Auschwitz), Irene Cara (Fame), Clarence Gilyard (Die Hard computer guru), Kevin Conroy (voice of Batman-Cartoon Series), Kirstie Alley (Cheers), Buff Friedman (Owner Improv LAX), John Brown Jr (co-owner KFC), Michael Gerson, (writer WAPO and Bush speechwriter), Gaylord Perry (baseball SFO, SAN, CLE), Albert Nipon (designer), talented Christine McVie, (singer from Fleetwood Mac), and Tuan Tuan 18 (Giant Chinese Panda).

Let's try to get together more often this year. Our obituary list keeps getting longer every month. 'I say hello, and you say goodbye.' ~ The Beatles

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00 A.M. 111 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove (**January 12**). Second Thursday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**January 19**). Third Thursday

Southside Breakfast - Canceled permanently

IAM 1487 Christmas Lunch - the Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd, Streamwood, (**December 1**), 11:00 A.M.

IAM 1487 Meeting, 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, (**January 5**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday

RUPA Lunch, Golf Club of Illinois, 11:00 A.M. 1575 Edgewood Drv. Algonquin, (**January 10**), Second Tuesday

INDIANA



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We held our most recent meeting on November 8th. Members attending were **Bill Stout, Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank Ingegno, Frank & Rita Prins, Alan Miller** and new member **Glen Frazier**.

We discussed plans for our Christmas lunch to be held on December 13th at 12 noon at Charbonos Italian Restaurant in Avon, Indiana.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. 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:

- **December 13**, Annual Christmas Luncheon at Charbonos Italian Restaurant, Avon, Indiana
- **January 10, 2023** at Emmy's
- **February 14, 2023** at Emmy's

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The Nor'Easter Christmas luncheon on December 7th brought out seventeen members, down from a hundred years ago. Present was **Bart Casey**, 91 years young, **Helmut (Moose) Umbley, Frank & Janet DeStefano, Ron & Joyce Heiseler, Dick & Dayle Vee, Andy & Carol Momtalto, John & Margaret Delello, Gladys Willis, Sara Pitt Wooll, Norma Betters, Judy Kearney** and **Gisela Auerle**. Some we have not seen for a long time, but all had a good time and we were so glad to see each other.

We're planning to have another luncheon as soon as the snow season is over. Such happens when you get older and weather is a driving factor.

Ron & Joyce Heiseler enjoyed their 64th anniversary in July which I neglected to report. I hope it was the best!

Until we meet again, be careful, stay well and be happy!

Here's wishing everyone had a good Christmas and a great New Year!

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Wishing all a Beautiful and Blessed Christmas!

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Thirty seven of us thoroughly enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Luncheon at Cascio's Steakhouse, hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**. The food was delicious and the service was outstanding. It was a brightly sunny, cool crisp day. As usual, we enjoyed a game of Christmas Bingo emceed by **Tony Sortino**. This game has been part of our Christmas celebration, more years than we can remember. The originators were **Dave & Teddy Letts** probably at the time the organization was started.

We decided to not meet in the months of January and February due to weather concerns. Next meeting will be March 7th. Meetings will occur on the first Tuesday of the month as has been the custom. We will be looking for a new venue for the next year.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Our VP **Mary Chandler** set up a Luncheon get-together for our members on December 6th at the Durango Hills Country Club, in Las Vegas. So, a big "Thank You" goes out to Mary for her efforts to get us together again.

We had 22 members attending the Luncheon; the food was good and everyone had a good time catching up on missed time. Mary set up a silent auction of Christmas items that went very well; in addition, we had the gift exchanging table and the 50/50 drawing. We went through the Birthdays and Anniversaries for December and January. Our member **Lamar Shreeve**, who was not present, celebrates his 99 Birthday on December 7th; all the members wish him well.

There was not too much else to talk about; no one has come forward to fill the 3 vacancies in our Board. We have not had a President for over 5 years and the Treasurer and Secretary have stepped down, but still helping out till a replacement is found. After the first of the year, I plan on not continuing as Secretary and will stop writing articles and working to get information out. I hope someone will step forward and fill the position.

The future of the Silverliners, as of today, is questionable because there seems to be little support to get the Chapter fully functioning again. The Covid Pandemic has caused a lot of Chapters to rethink and reevaluate their futures also. Plus, I find that no one wants to get involved in joining our Chapter; I sent out letters and get no response back from them.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings whenever one is organized by a member. The Silverliners now are trying to get through the dwindling membership and lack of member support. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; he will be glad to hear from you.



RENO SIERRA **ROUNDUP**

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There were 16 members at our November 14 meeting at the Black Bear Diner.

There were 15 members at our December Christmas Luncheon at the Peppermill Resort & Casino. The meal was fabulous and everyone enjoyed being together. We were glad to welcome back **Larry & Donna Reid** who have been unable to attend for some time.

John and I attended the Convention this past October. We did enjoy the tour of the Mighty Mo (USS Missouri) and lunch out overlooking the San Diego Bay. The 2023 Convention will once again be at the Dana Hotel at Mission Bay. We do plan on attending; more information to come in 2023.

On a sad note, our Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** passed away recently. Due to weather over the Sierras, we were unable to pay our respects at her service but a card was sent. We had just visited with her in early October at the Convention and were surprised to hear of her passing.

At our Christmas Luncheon, the attendees agreed to send a \$50 donation to the No. Nevada Food Bank.

The meeting schedule for 2023 was distributed at our December luncheon. It continues to be the second Monday of each month, January through November. It is highly likely we will return to the Peppermill Resort in December 2023.

The November birthdays were **Allen Robbins** and **Teresa Rhine**. The 50/50 winner was **Norm Borchers** and the winner of the glass pumpkin was **Dottie Robbins**.

The December birthdays were **Nancy Scaife** (8), **Larry Leusing** (9), **Lynda Klemm** (21) and **Herb Klemm** (14). **Linda Borchers** was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. **June Roe** and **Larry Reid** won the wine and **John Zoboli** walked away with the Starbucks gift card.

Our next meeting will be on January 9, 2023 at 11:00AM back at the Black Bear Diner. See you there.

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Our meeting opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Warzocha**. There was a brief mention for December 7, 1941 as the attack on Pearl Harbor got the US entering World War II. It's hard to believe that it has been 81 years since this event yet it still lives on.

There was much discussion about what was going on at United, it's hard to believe that within a few days before Thanksgiving and after; United will be flying 3 million people on 3700 flights. To me that is almost incomprehensible. I can remember at Newark when we had 100 flights in and out that we had reached a final level, but I can see I was wrong. I have a flyer that was sent out during the month of August 1978. United said they had flown 476,000 passengers to date, now they fly that much in a day or two. I think if any of us went back to work we wouldn't recognize the place anymore. For myself, I put in 38 years at Newark and enjoyed

almost every day coming to work. After retirement I didn't miss the work but I sure missed all the guys I worked with, still life goes on.

Getting back to the meeting, **Randy Phillips** won our 50/50. There were also a lot of door prizes given out to commemorate the Christmas Holiday. The next meeting will be March 29, 2023 in Scotch Plains. We decided to forgo meetings for January and February because of inclement weather.

From my memories: December 7, 1941, I was all of 12 years old, and we lived in an apartment house on 26 Street in Paterson, New Jersey. It was like most Sundays I was listening intently to my program. An announcer cut in and said that Pearl Harbor has been attacked by the Japanese and there were lots of casualties more information will follow; the next thing I heard were people slamming the doors and running in the hallways, and running outside, I joined them not knowing what was going on. Everyone was asking where Pearl Harbor is and what happened, most people were guessing because they didn't know all the facts. However the next day in school, we were all ushered down to the auditorium and on the stage was a large radio. Around 12 o'clock the radio was put on and we can hear President Franklin Roosevelt declare war on the Japanese. I do remember the last words of that speech; they have been in my mind all of these years. "With our unbounding determination, we will gain the inevitable triumph, so help us God." Thus, in 1941, United States was thrust into World War II, never to be the same again. I remember all of the students jumping up and asking what we could do to help. They told us that we would be helping the air raid wardens. That never came to pass, but we did lots of things to help the war effort. However that's another story.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"Facts are stubborn things, and, whatever may be of our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence"*.

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

We gathered at 12pm on December 7 at the Davenport Press. There was 32 present for our annual Christmas Bash. **Ed Pozzi** opened the meeting with a pledge to the flag. We had a moment of silence to commensurate Pearl Harbor. We then had a silent prayer for JFKPV **Bob Seibl**'s wife **Anne** who passed away at the age of 90. We also mourn the passing of A&P Mechanic (LGAMM) **Vic Carnenvale** and **Jim Richardson**, our New York Metros Vice President.

We had an excellent lunch of 1 hour of hot Hors d'Oeuvres. Then there were 5 choices of Chicken, Salmon, London Broil, Pork Chop and Fresh Ham and several choices of dessert.

The 50/50 was won by **Nick Manfredo** (one for \$50 & one for \$15), **Nunizio Milazzo** (\$50), **Ray Forester** (\$20). Table centerpieces were won by **Ray Forester**, **Frank Ferrera**, **Angie Parish**, **Ron Feingold**, **Joe Lilly**, **Maryanne Lilly**, **Skip Zrowrotny**, **Suzanne Lagasi**, **Evelyn Schroeder**, **Pat Hannon**, **Kathy Kennedy**, **Bob Lee**. **Pat Hannon**, **Bob Lee** and **Vicki Petrich** won gift baskets. The \$50 Target gift cards were won by **Bob Lee** and **Joyce O'Donnell**.

There were no anniversaries and eleven birthdays.

Our next Meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2023.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all!

OHIO

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

Calendar:

January-2023 - Winter break. No luncheon.

February and beyond - To be announced.

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Another good meal and great conversation at our November luncheon. Not a lot of news this time. We hope to see more of you in the near future.

In the meantime, another bit of humor, with a little philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ All I wanted for Christmas was to be off the extended car warranty call list!
- ☺ My Plan: 1) Get up, 2) have coffee, 3) have more coffee, 4) keep having coffee, 5) Twitch through the day like a magical caffeinated unicorn of excellence.
- ☺ As I get older I realize: 1) I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice. 2) Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud. 3) I don't need anger management. I need people to quit petting my peeves! 4) My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work. 5) The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it. 6) When I was a child I thought naptime was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation. 7) The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about. 8) Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound. 9) Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for 10 minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller? 10) "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.
- ☺ I'm at that age where the heated seats in my truck are more about soothing back pain than warming me up.
- ☺ Just rolled over for a cuddle. Forgot I'm single now ... fell off the bed.
- ☺ I'm not clumsy! It's just the floor hates me, the table and chairs are bullies and the wall gets in my way!
- ☺ Strangely, it's the voices outside of my head that bother me the most!
- ☺ I want to officially apologize to the people I called old at 40, when I was 18.
- ☺ You cannot tell me what to do. You're not my grandkids!
- ☺ Things I need to stay 6 feet away from: Refrigerator, Mexican food, my debit card, and Amazon.
- ☺ At the Kardashians celebrate their 20th season, I would like to congratulate myself for never watching a single episode.
- ☺ There is always that person in every family that's scared of roller coasters and stays behind to hold everyone's bags. It's me. I am that person.
- ☺ Why yes, I do smile a little when karma pays a visit to someone who so desperately deserves it.
- ☺ I wish everything was as easy as getting fat.
- ☺ It is a humbling moment when you realize your pet has successfully trained you to do something.
- ☺ Perks of being my friend: You will be the normal one!
- ☺ How to reduce stress in your life: Turn the news off. Turn the music up and dance.
- ☺ If anyone gets a message from me about canned meat, don't open it. It's Spam.

- ☺ Sorry, I can't today. My sister's friend's mother's grandpa's brother's grandson's uncle's fish died. And yes, it was tragic.
- ☺ I like talking to myself. She gets me.
- ☺ I'm an odd combination of "Really Sweet" and "Don't mess with me!"
- ☺ I am not a smartass ... I am a skilled, trained professional in pointing out the obvious and I speak fluent sarcasm.
- ☺ Unless your name is Google, stop acting like you know everything.
- ☺ All it takes is 1 song to bring back 1,000 memories.
- ☺ I never wish death upon anybody who wrongs me. I wish sudden, explosive diarrhea while on a date, with frequent sneezes thrown in for good measure. Much more satisfying.
- ☺ How to drink decaffeinated coffee: 1. Pour it down the drain, 2. Make real coffee, 3. Drink that instead.
- ☺ I don't have attitude. I've got a personality you can't handle.
- ☺ Please don't ride with me if you're going to grab the dash or scream every time we swerve off the road. It makes me nervous.
- ☺ Studies show that cats understand human commands but don't care to follow them.
- ☺ To the ladies that gracefully walk around all day wearing high heels: I admire you. To the ladies that somehow manage to fall over their own feet wearing flip flops: you are my soul sisters.
- ☺ I came home and my dog peed a little because he was so happy to see me. None of my friends do that when they see me. I'm surrounded by fakes.
- ☺ I don't drink coffee to wake up. I wake up to drink coffee.
- ☺ Heat makes things expand ... so I don't have a weight problem. I'm just hot!
- ☺ Some people are just like trees. They take forever to grow up.
- ☺ When I grow up I'd like to be a retired lottery winner.
- ☺ Life hack: make your water taste better by pouring it over coffee grounds.
- ☺ I'm ready for rich people problems. I mastered broke problems. Please move me to the next level.
- ☺ The best feeling of happiness is when you are happy because you've made someone else happy.
- ☺ My 8 year old grandson in the car today: "Do you want me to throw the confetti in my pocket? Me: "No, not in the car please. Why do you have confetti in you pocket?" 8yo: "It's my emergency confetti, I carry it everywhere in case there is good news."
- ☺ Tomorrow is National Grey Haired Grumpy Old Woman Day and I expect recognition!
- ☺ I'm a coffeeholic on the road to recovery ... just kidding, I'm on the road to the coffee shop.
- ☺ I try to be a nice person but sometimes my mouth doesn't want to cooperate.
- ☺ I wasn't sure what to make for dinner, so I opened a bottle of wine and now I don't care. A lesson there for all of us I think.
- ☺ My kids laugh because they think I'm crazy. I laugh because they don't know it's hereditary.
- ☺ You know you are really stressed when you start getting on your own nerves.
- ☺ I was born to be real, not perfect.
- ☺ It actually doesn't take much to be considered a difficult woman, that's why there are so many of us.
- ☺ I cannot decide if I need a long run, a hug, a gallon of ice cream, a whole pizza, a cake, or 2 weeks of sleep.
- ☺ My brain said "crunches" but my stomach auto corrected it to "cupcakes".
- ☺ I just found out that cauliflower waffles are a thing now and I just want to say that if anyone ever serves me a cauliflower waffle I will immediately call the police.
- ☺ If olive oil is made from olives, what is baby oil made of?
- ☺ Repeat after me ... just because it is on sale does not mean you need it!
- ☺ I have never seen anyone jogging and smiling, so that's all I need to know about that.
- ☺ I do not believe in magic, but I've seen coffee turn a person into a functioning human being. Just saying ...
- ☺ I don't actually have grey hair; I have wisdom highlights.
- ☺ I've been hiding from exercise! I'm in the fitness protection program!
- ☺ I don't hold grudges, I just remember things for a very long time!
- ☺ We do not throw away perfectly good food in this house. We put the leftovers in Tupperware, put the Tupperware in the fridge, when it goes bad, we throw it out.
- ☺ I had a hen who could count her own eggs. She was a mathemachicken.
- ☺ Not to brag or anything, but I can forget what I am doing while I am doing it!
- ☺ Me: "I need some help around here!" Also me: "No, not like that. Here, I'll do it!"

- ☺ Hormel Foods made their first batch of Spam in 1937. With everyone out shopping and hoarding food they have announced they will be making their second batch later this week.
- ☺ A negative person sees the glass of water half empty. A positive person sees it half full. A realistic person adds two shots of whiskey, two ice cubes, and says "Cheers".
- ☺ When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them but to live with the love they left behind

Calendar:

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

January 12, 2023. 2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Christmas greetings from Philadelphia! We're looking forward to our Christmas Luncheon with 35 coming.

We enjoyed an evening at the Media Theatre on November 20th.

Our Birthdays for November are **Harold Turney** and **William Vacca**. Our December Birthdays are **Mary Acquarola**, **Tom Anderlonis**, **Joe Bradley**, **Frank Cappelli**, **Janet Gemsheim**, **Roy Gretto**, **John McLaughlin**, **John Prince**, and **Vicente Di Sante**.

Hope you all are well and enjoying the season. Looking forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Due to a scheduling problem, our Christmas luncheon on Monday, December 5th at J.W. Halls had a smaller than normal group.

The 50/50 was won by **Bill Chicots**. President **Dave Beatty** announced that the next luncheon will be scheduled for some time in March 2023.

We are sad to report that **Russ Miller**, PITOO Chief/Coordinator, passed away Sunday, November 20, 2022. Russ was a long time Coordinator for PIT operations and he retired in the early 80's. Cards may be sent to his daughter Trudy Friend, 4990 Brightwood Road, Bethel Park, PA. 15102.

December Birthdays ~ **Bob Wagner**, **Mary Jane Stewart** and **Georgia Garcia**.

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.
For Luncheon/Meeting's location, please contact Carolyn at the above phone number.

UTAH

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

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Our holiday gathering in December is still to come as this article goes to press, but all indications are that many of us are looking forward to reconnecting since our last gathering on a beautiful sunny, summer day in July. And now we will be turning the calendar over to the year 2023!

A couple of newsworthy items have recently occurred among our members. Our very dedicated **John Haferbecker** has been serving this chapter for many, many years and has assumed organizational responsibilities with such aplomb that many of us have taken it for granted that he will always be there to see things through. Well, John needs someone else to step up and take over so he can concentrate on some health and family issues. We sincerely thank John for his years of hard work, enthusiasm, generosity and friendship and look forward to seeing him at chapter events as his time permits. Thanks so much, John! In the meantime, we need some volunteers to write Contrails. We are going all digital with Contrails and need someone comfortable with Word and .pdf. to step up. Please contact **Ken Storey** if you can help.

A wicked November wind and rainstorm uprooted more than a few trees in the Seattle area and member **Ken Tank** has a harrowing story to share about one such tree. While sitting in the living room of his Lake Forest Park home with his wife, **Marcia**, a giant 200ft tall tree from across the street crashed right through their roof, narrowly missing Ken & Marcia. Neighbors from nearby homes called 911 and then ran to Ken's house to assist with their rescue. When the fire truck arrived, it was discovered there were live electrical wires in the driveway but miraculously no one had yet stepped on them! It took several hours for the fire department and the power company to clear the driveway. In the meantime, the pelting rain did not relent, making the gaping hole in the roof a funnel of water into the house.

With sunrise the next day, the full extent of the damage was finally apparent. The tree was so tall that the branches of the tree extended all the way to the ground in Ken's backyard. The house sustained so much damage that Ken & Marcia have had to relocate for the next 9 months to a rental home so that repairs can be

made. Ken told me that the “up” side of the whole ordeal is that the house will be in tip-top shape and in the meantime, he doesn’t have to mow the grass or shovel snow! We thank the angels that protected Ken, Marcia, their neighbors and rescue personnel from a very dangerous situation.

Wishing everyone robust health and a prosperous 2023!



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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.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

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

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS



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Happy New Year, RUAEA!

It is a New Year and Clipped Wings has a new Chapter! We are thrilled to announce that we started an MCO Chapter recently. CW has had two chapters in Florida; one in MIA serving the east coast and the other chapter on the west coast in RSW. We decided to see if we could get a group together from the middle of the state last year and with some time and effort, we were successful.

In November, we had the pleasure of **Karen Williams**, a past CW president, come down to The Villages, to share with us important information about our amazing organization and how to make a successful CW chapter! At this time we have about 13 members and we know it will grow as soon as the word gets out. The MCO Chapter Officers are President **Betty Lemley** and Treasurer **Joyce Kiser**. These ladies have “stepped up” to lead this new chapter into the Clipped Wings family! We look forward to working with CW’s main philanthropy which is Special Olympics and assisting in local charities in the area! We will leave plenty of time for fun and creating a great chapter.

If you know of any former or current UA/CO Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. The website has great information on “who we are” and “what we do”. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any further questions! We are a group that enjoys having fun while doing great things for others!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **November 2022**:

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
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Please note that the above policy only applies to death notices submitted to be published in this section of the RUAEA Newsletter.

- Retiree – **Black, Donald R.**, on 11/24/2022, DENMM, husband of Aurelia “Aurie” Black, 8295 Johnson Ct., Arvada, CO 80005
- Retiree – **Bowling, Carl E.**, on 11/11/2022, ORDMM, husband of Launa “Lee” Bowling (deceased), 1053 Vail Ave., Arlington, IL 60005
- Retiree – **Graham, Robert A.**, on 10/16/2022, DENMM, husband of Maria Graham (deceased), PO Box 852, Elizabeth, CO 80107
- Retiree – **Hales, R. Lynn**, on 9/21/2022, SFOMM, father of Janice Hanamura, 2033 Foxswallow Rd., Pleasanton, CA 94566
- Retiree – **Hodor, Dennis Joseph**, on 10/19/2022, ORDCG, husband of Emily Hodor, 615 Majic Way, Marengo, IL 60152
- Retiree – **Johnson, Barbara**, on 9/7/2022, SEARR, wife of Armand Johnson (deceased), mother of Bonnie Carlson, 473 Venus Way, Madison, WI 53718
- Retiree – **Kalfa, Thomas**, on 3/16/2022, LAXSW, husband of Dottie Kalfa, 16705 Jeanette Ave., Cerritos, CA 90703
- Retiree – **Niebuhr, Vernon A.**, on 11/1/2022, SFOPI, husband of Mary Ann Niebuhr (deceased), father of Paul Niebuhr, SFOMM, 419 La Casa Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403
- Retiree – **Sheridan, Robert C.**, on 11/23/2022, SANOO, husband of Mary Jo Sheridan, 2694 E. Philip Circle, Fort Mohave, AZ 86426
- Retiree – **Sandstedt, Sonda L.**, on 11/23/2022, CLTOZ, wife of Richard “Dick” Sandstedt (deceased), 14318 Torrey Pines Dr., Auburn, CA 95602
- Retiree – **Welt, Marvin O.**, on 11/3/2022, DENMM, husband of Elizabeth I. Welt, 6595 S. Jordan Rd., Centennial, CO 80111

Letters & Notes



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

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

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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.)

Ranelle Brandt, E. 10209 County Rd. P, Westby, WI 54667

To all of the people who put the RUAEA Newsletter together: Thank you for your continued hard work keeping us 'old' UAL retirees informed. I so appreciate all that you do, as I know how much time and dedication it takes. Keep up the good work, please!

Mary Brennan, 988 Horizon Heights, MN 55127

Our faithful, **Connie Glattly** is retiring as correspondent for our MSP Chapter. She has done a wonderful job of writing and making news when the local "reporters" were not really reporting.

My hope and Connie's is that someone will step forward with pen in hand and take the job over. There is only one deadline to meet. A lot easier that getting a flight out on time! Please take the step!

A huge thank you, Connie for your years of reporting. We have all enjoyed keeping in touch with our fellow retirees.

John Brinnon, 2618 Hampton Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061

I always look forward to each and every issue of the Newsletter. The updates, travel tips, and UAL contact number information are always very informative.

Life is good here in Redwood City, CA (San Francisco Bay area). I retired December 17, 2002 after 34 years at the SFO Maintenance Base as a mechanic.

Thank you United Airlines for the retiree benefits, I now enjoy. It was the best job ever, right out of the Air Force in December of 1968.

Barbara Sakely, 891 Cross Creek Dr. N., Roselle, IL 60172

Our 1976 System FA of the year: **Joy Geddes**. Joy celebrated her 100th birthday a few months ago at a health care facility in Arlington Hts, IL. She began her career in 1945 as an "air hostess" with Pennsylvania Central Airlines.

Long ago, macular degeneration took her eyesight. And for the past several years, dementia has robbed her of most of the joys of life. In spite of this, she remains cheerful and always asks "What can I do for you?"

Her passion for singing continues. Most of the words are gone but the melodies are still there. She is verbally very appreciative to the staff for every little thing that is done for her.

Sue Sealey, 7760 S. Buchanan Way, Aurora, CO 80016

Thank you for all for your hard work on the Newsletter. It means so much to us retirees.

Volunteer work is hard but so rewarding. I miss my 16 years of volunteering at my local hospital. Unfortunately, my health and age made me give it up.

Notes

Homer Hudelson

I retired from UAL after ten years as a part time employee working out of San Francisco's International Airport in Ground Support. I previously was employed by the San Francisco Police Department retiring as a lieutenant after thirty years. I have just had my autobiography published, "Homer's Odyssey": A Memoir" and is available online as well as in local bookstores.

George Cox

My membership expired. I'm just renewing my subscription.

Sarah R. Harris

Thanks to the wonderful people that volunteer and keep us all in touch!

Sandra Hahn

I'm a new member. I'm Clipped Wings National Secretary 2022-2024.

June R. Linhart

This seems to be the only way we can "stay up on things".

Marie H. Kocavar

I've been traveling on tours within the USA and Canada. It's wonderful to keep in touch with my United friends and former co-workers.

Sandra Fowler

I let my membership elapse this year; I believe it was due earlier in the year. I would like to renew it again.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ON THE NEXT PAGE ...

The Contact Column



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