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## *Memories of 2021 RUAEA San Diego Convention*



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# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter from the Newsletter Manager & Editor



This RUAEA Newsletter issue, January, 2022 is the last that Francis and I will be working on as the Newsletter Manager and Newsletter Editor.

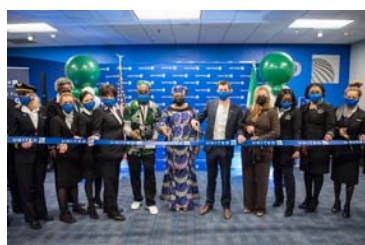
In the years that we worked on the Newsletter, we met many of you in person. Others we got to know very well via phone calls and emails. It has been a very enjoyable experience for us.

We thank all of the correspondents who have supported us throughout the years. Special thank you to **Virgil and Martha Gooselaw & John Chu**; you worked with us all the 11+ years. We could not have done it without you.

Retiring from the Newsletter does not mean we are leaving RUAEA. We look forward to seeing you at the convention.

Veronica & Francis Domaratius  
Newsletter Editor & Manager

### 'How Fa Na' Lagos December 1, 2021



Recently, we inaugurated our new nonstop service to LOS (Lagos, Nigeria) from IAD, marking our official return to the country, which we previously served until 2016. The flight will be operated

three times weekly on a Boeing 787.

IAD-LOS builds on our expansion to Africa and solidifies the leadership position we have taken from Africa to the U.S. Earlier this year, we launched new service between JNB (Johannesburg, South Africa) and EWR, and between ACC (Accra, Ghana) and IAD. This December and upcoming January, we will increase our ACC service from three weekly flights to daily. This month, we will also resume nonstop service between CPT (Cape Town, South Africa) and EWR.

*"Our new flight to Lagos reinforces our ongoing commitment to growing our network in Africa and providing more convenient service to the destinations our customers want to fly to most,"* said International Network Planning and Alliances SVP Patrick Quayle. *"This highly anticipated service will provide a key gateway between Lagos*

*and Washington D.C., as well as easy one-stop connections to almost 80 destinations across the Americas, including Houston and Chicago."*

This exciting initiative further expands our economic relationship, promotes people-to-people ties, and creates new opportunities for United, travel companies, and customers alike, added U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria Mary Beth Leonard.

This route launch was commemorated with gate celebrations at IAD and LOS.

### The first airline in aviation history ... December 1, 2021



Photo credit: Joe Lammerman

To fly an aircraft with passengers using 100% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). That's right! On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021; we operated Flight 2701 with

100% SAF, marking a turning point in the industry's effort to reduce the rate of climate change.

The flight – on our new 737 MAX 8 – will depart with 115 passengers from ORD to DCA (Reagan Washington National) and will use 500 gallons of SAF in one engine and the same amount of conventional jet fuel in the other engine to further prove there are no operational differences between the two. We hope this will set the stage for more scalable uses of SAF by all airlines in the future. Currently, airlines are only permitted to use a maximum of 50% SAF on board. The SAF used on today's flight is drop-in ready and compatible with existing aircraft fleets.

Scott will be on board the flight, alongside executives from flight partner companies Boeing, GE Aviation, Virent and World Energy, all of whose technology enables 100% drop-in SAF.

*"United continues to lead from the front when it comes to climate change actions,"* said Scott. *"Today's SAF flight is not only a significant milestone for efforts to de-carbonize our industry, but when combined with the surge in industry commitments to produce and purchase alternative fuels, we're demonstrating the scalable and impactful way companies can join together and play a role in addressing the biggest challenge of our lifetimes."*

Sheila Remes, Boeing Vice President of Environmental Sustainability, added, *"Boeing is proud to support United on this historic event as we work together to make aviation more sustainable. As an industry, we are committed to addressing climate change, and sustainable aviation fuels are the most measurable solution to reduce aviation carbon emissions in the coming decades. No one entity can decarbonize aviation alone and it will require partnerships like this to ensure aviation is safe and sustainable for future generations."*

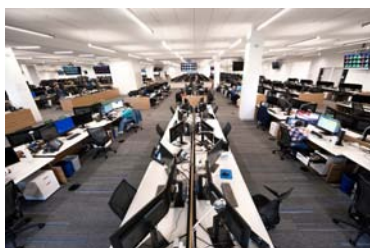
Did you know? We are the world leader in the usage

and development of SAF, an alternative fuel made with non-petroleum feedstocks. We have also signed a conditional agreement to purchase one-and-a-half times the size of the known purchases of all global airlines combined – we are surpassing all airlines, including ourselves!

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, SAF has the potential to deliver the performance of petroleum-based jet fuel but with a fraction of its carbon footprint, and the country's vast feedstock resources are enough to meet the projected fuel demand of the entire U.S. aviation industry. Talk about a game changer.

The SAF flight and new Eco-Skies Alliance participants are among the latest accomplishments under our goal to go 100% green by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 100% by 2050, without relying on traditional carbon offsets.

### **Arlington Heights facility to become primary NOC** **December 3, 2021**



Effective April 1, 2022, we will relocate our primary Network Operations Center (NOC) to Arlington Heights, IL, and the NOC in Chicago will become the backup NOC (BNOC) at that time.

The Arlington Heights facility offers crucial advantages, particularly the ability to support the anticipated growth of our airline given the facility's larger size and potential for expansion.

Network Operations Managing Director David Ken-sick announced the changes to his team on Thursday morning. We've been running split teams at both NOC facilities to prevent severe impact to our operation in the event of an outbreak of illness throughout much of the pandemic. In deploying those solutions, we recognized the benefits a dedicated space like the Arlington Heights facility provides as a primary location. It has operated as our backup facility since fall 2020 and offers some distinct advantages, including enhanced power redundancies from two backup generators. It can even withstand an F2-level tornado.

We remain committed to the city of Chicago – at our headquarters we continue to invest in reinvented workspaces for our Chicago-based teams. This includes substantial investments at Willis Tower, from the 4th floor outdoor terrace to new collaboration space, enhanced virtual and in-person conference capabilities, and upgraded building amenities.

Certain Network Operations functions, as well as David, will remain based at Willis.



### **CommutAir ERJ-145s getting interior makeovers** **December 6, 2021**



Be on the lookout for a bright, clean new look in the cabins of the Embraer ERJ-145 aircraft on United Express flights operated by our partner CommutAir (C5).

In November, the first completed aircraft re-entered service after an expansive interior refresh. The reimagined interior of the 50-seat jet will be an exciting change for crew members and passengers alike. Updates include new LED cabin light and passenger reading lights, a redesigned lavatory and new side-walls, overhead bins, and bulkhead finishes.

Congratulations to the many teams involved in the project as the refresh marks a welcome improvement for our customers and enhances cabin consistency across the United brand.

*"United is committed to elevating the customer experience for all travelers flying in our small communities,"* said Domestic Planning and UAX SVP Ankit Gupta. *"We're excited to support CommutAir's efforts to enhance their fleet of ERJ-145 aircraft as they truly complement United's investments to provide more travelers with the modern amenities that matter most to them."*

The majority of ERJ-145 interior refreshes are planned to be completed by the end of 2022. We hope you have a chance to experience the new interiors while traveling in the coming months. CommutAir primarily flies out of our DEN, IAD and IAH hubs.

### **The Writers' Column –** **Profile Of A Hero, Marvin Olsen** **By Bob Duensing**

Some time ago, I posted an essay that I wrote about a hero that I was fortunate enough to meet. On this 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of WWII, I would like to repost the essay so that all generations are aware of the sacrifices that this particular gentleman made along with the thousands and thousands of others to ensure your freedom today.

I never worked with **Marvin Olsen**. I met him at a United Airlines retiree Christmas luncheon. His story was so interesting that I interviewed him and wrote about him.

Marvin was a farm boy that grew up in the Arkansas River valley in southern Colorado and joined the Army Air Corps after graduating high school and before WWII began. The army trained him to be an aircraft mechanic.

He was at Pearl Harbor (Hickam Field) on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 and witnessed the attack. During the attack, a bomb exploded near him and the shrapnel from the explosion wounded him. He was hospitalized for several months.

After recovering and still carrying some shrapnel, he

was sent to Espiritu Santo in the New Hebrides Islands east of Australia. From there, he was sent to Guadalcanal in late 1942 where live fighting was still in progress. After a time, he contracted Malaria and was subsequently sent back to the United States.

Time passed and his Malaria symptoms subsided and he resumed active duty. Since Marvin had already served in combat, he was given the option of staying in the U.S. However, he chose to enter harm's way once again. That speaks volumes about Marvin's character.

The newly produced B29 bomber had been recently placed in service and Marvin became a Crew Chief on the Mary K. They left the US and arrived at their new base just north of Calcutta, India. From that base, Marvin and the Mary K. flew combat missions across the Himalaya Mountains to areas of China, Burma and Indo China.

After a time, a landing strip was built in China and that put them in range of Japan, Formosa (Taiwan) and Shanghai. Marvin flew many combat missions from that base.

After the war ended in 1945, Marvin left the military where he had risen from Private to Master Sergeant. In civilian life he joined United Airlines in Denver, Colorado and spent 39+ years with the company.

Marvin was a true patriot and a shining example of the "Greatest Generation".

Marvin has left us. He was 99.

### **The Writers' Column – It Happened To Me** **By Michael (Mal) Malesardi (DENMM)**

Stranger Than Truth ~ As a young mechanic at LGA, with less than a month with United, I had a strange encounter.

On the midnight shift, the lead gave me an overnight check on a Braniff 727. These were new airplanes and other than fluid services, or a tire or brake change, there were few gripes.

He said to take the check sheet and take your time, *"You can familiarize yourself with the aircraft, it's in the hangar and well lit. This will make you more confident doing the check alone."*

Off I go to the hangar and realize I am the only mechanic in there. After a while, I decide to go to the bathroom. The bathroom was located outside the hangar bay. To get there, you had to walk through a room with an industrial washer and dryer; these were used by the cleaners to wash and dry their mop heads and cloths.

As I enter the washer and dryer area, the machines are going and I thought there were cleaners there. I then notice a naked man leaning against the washer. Starting to back up, he tells me "It's OK". I responded, "I'm not so sure". Then I got on a tractor and drove to the terminal. Now to put this in perspective, this is June 1978, there are no door locks, no badges, you can go anywhere.

As I go into the leads area, he says, "Oh you're done?". "Not really", I respond. "There is a naked man

standing in the wash area". "Oh, that's just John Smith (name changed). He got divorced and only has one pair of clothes. While his clothes wash, he has to stand there naked until they are done". The way he said it, this was a normal occurrence. "Oh", I said. "I'll just go to the bathroom here and go back and finish the check".

Yes, this really did happen to me.

Heat or Cool ~ This story did not happen to me personally. It was related to me as a displaced mechanic in LAX.

There were two DC-8 freighters that were unable to continue to their destinations, due to weather. While they were delayed, conditioned air was needed. One had live animals and the other had strawberries. A mechanic was dispatched to put a heater truck on the animals and an air conditioning truck on the strawberries.

As the delays to both aircrafts got longer, the units were fueled and reconnected. They are finally cleared to go and then it is discovered that the units were reversed. This resulted in rotten strawberries and freezing animals.

This story stays in my memory, as my daughters liked to hear it often. Also, when their friends were over, they would like me to tell it to them. One of those stories that I'm glad did not happen to me.

### **The Metaverse** **Torgy's Travel Tips – January 2022**



**Kathie Torgison**

This marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my first column of Torgy's Travel Tips. I was reflecting on all the changes to travel that we have collectively experienced throughout that period and how those changes have impacted our lives and our dreams. At the same time, I couldn't ignore the behemoth in the room, Covid, and all the heartache it is still causing, along with climate change and the sobering effect of our negligence to care for our home planet. This all gave rise to thoughts of the future of travel - ideas that are currently in the infancy stage, but are poised, in my opinion, for a reinvention of the word **travel**.

Do you remember in 1994 on NBC's Today Show, Bryant Gumbel and Katie Couric discussing what "@" means and asking their producer, on the air, what does Internet mean? I bet you can all now answer both of those questions in a heartbeat, can't you. Think how commonplace those terms and what they represent have become in our lives. How about those of you who now have a "Ring" doorbell or those who used Zoom to connect to meetings, worship or family during the pandemic? Those were pretty "far-out" ideas, once. Would you ever consider buying a TV without a remote control or the ability to DVR your favorite programs? And how many of us



now avoid the TV commercials by using the fast-forward or mute button? Do you connect with your friends and family in distant locations using WhatsApp or FaceTime? Well, get ready for the next leap: Metaverse.

Metaverse is the name of a shared online 3D virtual space. In this realm, you will be able to teleport as an avatar, in the form of a hologram to your office without commuting, attend a concert with friends, or read a goodnight story to your grandchild in their bedroom on the other side of the country or world. You will look “real”, as if you are physically present and they will look real to you. The city of Seoul, South Korea is already blazing the trail with a recently held tourism event introducing Metaverse Seoul: A full service virtual world. Residents can ride city tour buses, visit cultural heritage sites throughout the city as well as re-creations of destroyed historical sites without leaving their homes. Metaverse Seoul begins this New Year’s Eve, December 31, 2021 with the traditional Bosingak bell-ringing ceremony. It will be followed by subsequent roll-outs in 2022 with an expected completion date of 2026. All departments of the city government will be accessible to citizens via the Metaverse. If you are applying for a job with the city, expect your interview to be conducted in the Metaverse. Need to obtain a permit or a marriage license – enter the Metaverse. Think of the worlds this will open for the disabled. Think of the positive impact to the environment. Now, think ahead as to what this might mean for travel.

I envision a whole new world for the travel industry. Notice I used the word “industry” not airline. Carefully crafted adventures will be created by entrepreneurs who will specialize in bringing their clients the best experience possible, with no cancelled flights, lost luggage, and bad weather or pandemic restrictions. You’ll eat with your fellow travelers at the pub near Buckingham Palace because a box was delivered to your home with bangers and mash and a couple of pints! Your underground tour of the Champagne caves will culminate with a lovely repast of cheeses and of course, a bottle of real champagne which just arrived at your door. Are you still laid up since your recent fall off that darned ladder? No fear, your vacation can be totally enjoyed from the comfort of your couch. Want to travel alone to the bazaars of Istanbul safely? Enter the Metaverse. How about a multi-day walk through the coastal towns in Croatia? No problem, enter the Metaverse.

Think of the background work that will open up jobs, everywhere on earth. There will be historians, photographers, narrators, marketing staff and logistics professionals needed, as well as a whole new niche market for food and souvenir related demands. Of course, the telecommunication companies (or whatever they will be transformed into), will play a major role in supplying reliable connections. There will probably be consultants popping up to assist you in designing your “avatar” for each different trip.

If you think this is pie-in-the-sky gibberish, just take a

look at the upcoming March 2022 concert of the group ABBA. This group has reunited after a 40 year hiatus and will embark on a tour called “Voyage”. But wait, they are 40 years older than in their heydays of the 1980’s. Will we see bald heads and walkers? Not on your life – they are sending their de-aged “ABBA-tars” to the concert venues: holograms of themselves as we remember them, but with new music as well as old classics. Check out <https://vrscout.com/ABBA> to see what I mean.

I suppose by now you may think I’m crazy. But think back to the first time a small, unknown company entered the bookstore marketplace offering you the opportunity to purchase a book via a computer and having it mailed to your home! The year was 1995. That small, unknown company was called Amazon. And one more fact, did you know that on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Facebook changed their company name to Meta. That’s real, folks.

P.S. Maybe it’s time to preserve your precious stories of actual trips you’ve taken so that your grandkids’ grandkids can brag that their ancestors were “really” there. And add a copy of this article!



### **Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter**

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

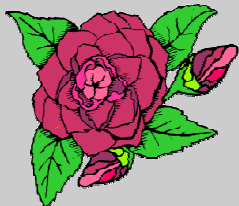
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# LOCAL NEWS

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## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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Happy New Year! We hope it will be a happy one for everyone. This past year had many up and downs; but we have to think positive that it will be a very good year! Our chapter continues to meet for breakfast once a month and also lunch! We all enjoy getting together. Our chapter has grown too, which we are very happy about. If you know of someone that worked at all for United or Continental, please invite them to come to one of our get-togethers with you. They may be surprised, and know someone there! Who doesn't like to go out to eat? Our next breakfast is Friday, January 28, starting at 9:00 a.m. We have our own room at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert.

Our Christmas Luncheon was held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of **Robert Richter** of Robert's Catering, Inc. in Gilbert, AZ. Wow, what a wonderful luncheon. Delicious food, atmosphere, beautiful day, what more could you ever want? We had 34 members present, and also enjoyed our "White Elephant Gift Exchange". It was a perfect day, and a great start for all of our Christmas activities we all enjoy so much. **Peg Snowdall** arranged for this special luncheon and **Debbie Schulte** got our White Elephant gift exchange going, which was a lot of fun! Thanks Peg and Debbie for all the fun we had!

Our January Luncheon is going to be Thursday, January 13, at the Eatalio at 2540 S. Val Vista Drive in Gilbert, hosted by **Debbie Schulte**. This restaurant spe-

cializes in pasta and wine. It is on the corner of Val Vista and Williams Field, in the Kohl's shopping center. If you would like to attend, please contact Debbie at [hanalei52@outlook.com](mailto:hanalei52@outlook.com), or by phone at (602) 762-2713. More information will be forthcoming from her. She will be glad to give you directions or anything else that you need. The social hour starts at 11:00 a.m., followed by the luncheon at 12:00 noon.

We're collecting dues this year. We didn't last year, so please give them to **John** or **JoAnne Griffin**. Please do this as soon as possible. You can mail them to the Griffins at 759 S. 76<sup>th</sup> Place, Mesa, AZ 85208. The dues are going to be \$10 per person. We also need any changes you have made in your address, phone numbers, or e-mail for our Membership Directory, as that will be printed up shortly for distribution in April. Please send any changes ASAP to [jjgriffual@yahoo.com](mailto:jjgriffual@yahoo.com) or [jjgriffual@gmail.com](mailto:jjgriffual@gmail.com). Thanks for your help!

Won't you consider running for one of our offices? It is not a time-consuming job, and several of our officers have been doing it for a very long time. Don't you think it's time for a change and step up and volunteer? A Nominating Committee will be appointed and present a ballot of nominees for each office at the February meeting. Please consider volunteering, OK?

We have the following Birthdays in January: **John Gaudioso, Molly Norwood, Barb Paymaster, and Dakota Morris-Terry**. Happy Birthday to all! Wedding Anniversaries in January are **Dillon & Dakota Morris-Terry & Jay** and **Barbara Hartough**. Congratulations to both couples!

### Calendar:

**January 13** - Luncheon at Eatalio, 2540 S. Val Vista Dr, Gilbert, AZ, starting at 11:00 a.m. for the Social and Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Need more information, contact the hostess, **Debbie Schulte**, at [hanalei52@outlook.com](mailto:hanalei52@outlook.com), or by phone at (602) 762-2713 by January 10, 2022.

**January 28** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let our Vice-President **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending by Wednesday, January 26 by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**February** - Luncheon to be announced.

**February 25** - Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, AZ.





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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at [rpdgarglic41@comcast.net](mailto:rpdgarglic41@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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It has been a quiet month for our Chapter. Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, has been trying to recruit new members, and what I've read from other Chapters, they are having the same problem. We live in a resort area

with a major college near by. We get a lot of visitors and tourists who keep our local stores in business. They come and go, but to live here is quite expensive.


Our President **Mike Zoldak** and his wife **Bridget** keep moving around and he told me that they went to the Santa Maria Airport and looked at our member, **Esther Bartlett's** art display. He said the art was displayed on silk, canvas and glass. We all knew she was a talented artist.

Mike also said that he received two very nice "Thank You" cards from **Nina Powers** and her caregiver, Mayra, for the appreciation certificates they were given. We look forward to them attending many future meetings.

After reading the December Newsletter, it seems that the Convention in SAN was a big success. I've visited SAN years ago and enjoyed the whole experience. I'm sorry that I was unable to attend this year.

It appears that the **Domaratius** will be retiring from publishing the RUAEA Newsletter. I haven't seen the exact date so this might be my last Chapter news addressed to them. Fortunately **John Chu** will be taking over and since he has been part of their team, I'm sure the change will go smoothly.

A definition of retirement: *"You get up in the morning with nothing to do, and go to bed at night having only done half of it."*



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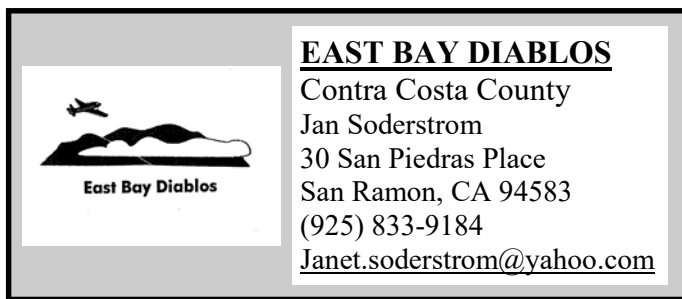
40 Desert Sunbirds gathered on December 8 for the first time since Feb.2020 to enjoy a luncheon hosted by **Gay Traber** at Legends and Icons in Palm Desert. Our treasury savings were used to provide a free lunch for all attendees at this "reunion".

Sadly, we have lost a few members during this time; **Marge Lenz**, **Louie Horvath**, and **Jan Curtis**; all passed away.

**Chuck Lamas** moved to Seattle to enjoy the rain. **Susan Walker** moved to Sonoma to enjoy the wine. **Brad Zittle** moved to Idaho to enjoy the potatoes.

A 50/50 cash raffle was held; some vintage United amenity kits from years past as well as bottles of wine were also raffled off. It was great to see everyone again and we hope to keep the momentum going in 2022.





Happy New Year from the East Bay Diablos group! I'm sure everyone was glad to say goodbye to 2021 and is looking forward to 2022 with fervent hope for a return to "normal." Even the new normal is an improvement over our lives since March 2020.

Our group is back to holding in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The only thing that could set everything backward is the Omicron variant. As I write this on December 7, masks are recommended in all indoor settings. Proof of vaccination is no longer required to enter a restaurant. Also, because of the way the restaurant has to staff due to Covid, we now have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [dianegriego@aol.com](mailto:dianegriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also 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 and the variety is amazing. I am notorious for forgetting who won the money when it comes time to write my article. I can't tell you how many times I've sent frantic "Who won the money?" emails. Last month I did it again. So, better late than never ... **Nancy Boyle** won the money last month.

Our December meeting was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at Zio Fredo's restaurant in Pleasant Hill with 25 members in attendance. And what a wonderful Christmas party it was! The lobby of the restaurant was decorated with a beautiful Christmas tree and wreaths were hung in all the dining rooms. We have a private room with a no host bar and Social Hour started at 11:00. I got there about 11:15 and I was one of the last ones to arrive. That's how much we all look forward to this meeting all year! **Joe Leather** collected the raffle money. **Wilma Leather** and **Jan Soderstrom** were the cashiers. The meal started with appetizers of mushrooms, calamari and ravioli, followed with a delicious green salad with Italian dressing. The entrée choices were prime rib, chicken cordon bleu and salmon. The people at my table pronounced all three excellent. Dessert was carrot cake and coffee.

In between the appetizers and salad, we herded everyone together for a group picture. We did this at our June picnic so we are getting good at this. I had asked everyone to wear something "Christmasy" and many of the ladies had lovely Christmas sweaters. **Russ Kennedy** looked great in a Santa hat.

**Rich Bouska**, our treasurer, collected dues for 2022. He also reminded us that December 7 is Pearl Harbor Day, a day that is significant for all Americans, and especially veterans. He asked all veterans to stand and be recognized. **Rich Bouska, Arnold Hansen, Jr., Tom Johnson, Russ Kennedy, Joe Leather, Ken Price, Jack Smith, Joe McGhee** and **Ed Von Emster** stood proudly and we applauded them.

After lunch, we held our raffle and **Sue Von Emster** won the money. Everyone brings a nice door prize for the second raffle. **Barbara Cunningham** distributed a ticket to everyone and then we chose a gift as our number was drawn. We had so many gifts we started a second round and some lucky members went home with two gifts! We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting and we had a nice assortment of gifts for children of all ages.

**Barbara Cunningham** has advised me that she has resumed 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 he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) (925) 846-8123 for more info.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. The cruises in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled, but RUPA is planning to have a cruise in 2022. This cruise will be Holland America's 14-day Great Alaskan Explorer departing Vancouver on September 18, 2022 and returning on October 2, 2022. The ship will be the Noordam. This is a cruise to experience glaciers, fjords, inlets, rivers, streams and wildlife galore. You will sail the Inside Passage, visit Ketchikan and Juneau, cruise Tracy Arm, visit Icy Strait Point, cruise Glacier Bay, visit Skagway and Sitka, and cruise the Misty Fjords and Inside Passage again on the return. You can view all the info on this cruise on the Holland America website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com). In the destination box, select Alaska & Yukon, in the duration box select 9-16 days, and in the departure box select Vancouver. This cruise will be the last one on page 2. Also, as Rich says, this cruise is open to all - friends and family, flight attendants and RUAEA members. The more the merrier and the greater our group discount!

Lake Tahoe is a world famous natural gem right in our own backyard. Google "Lake Tahoe" and up pops a plethora of fascinating information.



About three million people visit Lake Tahoe each year. This is comparable to the number of visitors to Grand Canyon National Park (3.2 million) and Yellowstone National Park (2.7million). The surface of the lake is at 6,225 feet above sea level. A maximum depth of 1,645 feet in Crystal Bay makes Tahoe the second deepest lake in the USA, third deepest in North America and 11<sup>th</sup> deepest in the world. Lake Tahoe is over 2-3 million years old. Tahoe is considered an ancient lake and is counted among the 20 oldest lakes in the world. The year-round resident population is 66,000. Total population can reach 300,000 on peak days.

Due to the ongoing drought, Lake Tahoe's water levels are a cause for concern. The lake is considered full when water levels are roughly 6 feet above the natural rim. Prior to the October 24 storm, the water level was one inch below the natural rim of the basin. When the level drops below the rim, the lake is no longer connected to the Truckee River, its only outlet. During the October 24 storm, water levels at the Tahoe City dam rose almost 6 inches in 24 hours. Although water levels are now five inches above the natural rim, the lake is still far from full.

Lake Tahoe is known for its water clarity. However, the lake is about 40% less clear than it was 50 years ago. Visibility was 63 feet in 2020 compared to more than 100 feet in 1968. The main culprits are sewage, runoff and fertilizer. In spite of this, the water is 99.994% pure, making it one of the purest large lakes in the world. For comparison, commercially distilled water is 99.998% pure.

Lake Cleanup ~ In May, the nonprofit Clean Up the Lake began removing trash from the water along Tahoe's entire 72 miles of shoreline. Growing interest in protecting the environment can be seen in the public support the project has received. Over 300 certified scuba divers applied to participate and hundreds of other people volunteered to help in whatever way possible. Another nonprofit, the Tahoe Fund, raised \$250,000 for the project. Tahoe Blue Vodka offered a donation match up to \$100,000 and that amount was reached and surpassed in just 10 days.

A team of staff and volunteers is scooping up trash from the water's edge to depths up to 25 feet. The group plans to collect trash three days a week, with the goal of covering one mile of shoreline per day. Scuba divers comb the lakebed for trash and put smaller pieces like aluminum cans and clothing in mesh bags. Larger items like tires are hoisted to the surface with help from vessels above. Debris too heavy to be lifted by humans are marked with a GPS coordinate and removed later with the proper machinery.

Once the trash is plucked from the water, every single piece is being counted and classified into 77 different categories—wood, rubber, construction materials,

clothing etc. This information will be used in future ad campaigns to reduce dumping in the lake. As of November 12, the team had cleaned up 44 of the 72 miles around the lake. They have collected more than 18,000 pounds of trash, including a diamond-studded engagement ring, a BB gun, cell phones and vape pens, poker chips and a stapler. The project has been delayed somewhat because of the Caldor Fire and wildfire smoke.

Sources ~ Yahoo News, October 25, 2021. Catherine Garcia, Night Editor, Tahoefacts.com. David Antonucci, Author. NBC Bay Area, May 13, 2021. "Nonprofit Ready to Dive Into Massive Underwater Cleanup of Lake Tahoe." Brendan Weber. ABC7 News, November 12, 2021. "Scuba Divers Collect 18,000 Pounds of Trash from Lake Tahoe Since Cleanup Project Started in May."

Why are the Coronavirus variants given a letter of the Greek alphabet? The World Health Organization decided to use Greek letters to avoid public confusion or cause offense to any cultural, regional or ethnic groups. The previous practice of naming a variant after the place where it was detected was deemed "stigmatizing and discriminatory." Variants are named in alphabetical order as they are discovered. Variants of Concern are those that may be more contagious than the original COVID-19 strain and appear to cause more severe symptoms and deaths. There are now five variants that have risen to Variants of Concern: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta and Omicron. Alpha emerged in the United Kingdom, Beta in South Africa, Gamma in Brazil, Delta in India and Omicron in South Africa. Variants of Interest are those that have caused "significant community transmission" or multiple COVID-19 clusters in multiple countries. WHO has identified two Variants of Interest: Lambda (Peru) and Mu (Colombia). Two letters before Omicron were skipped. Nu is too easily confused with "new." Xi was skipped because it is a common Chinese name, particularly in deference to Chinese president Xi Jinping. The link to the WHO tracking page is <https://www.who.int/en/activities/tracking-SARS-CoV-2-variants/>

Source ~ New York Times, New York Edition. Dec. 7, 2021, Section D, Page 3 "Here's How Omicron Was Given Its Name. "The Daily News, August 11, 2021. Nelson Oliviera, author. "Here are the main COVID variants and everything you need to know about each."

Upcoming Meetings: PLEASE JOIN US!

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year.

▲ Monday, January 3 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to Diane Griego at [dian-griego@aol.com](mailto:dian-griego@aol.com) or 925 676-6097 by Thursday, December 30.

- ▲ Monday, February 7 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to Diane Griego at [dian-griego@aol.com](mailto:dian-griego@aol.com) or 925 676-6097 by Thursday, February 3.
- ▲ Monday, March 7 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to Diane Griego at [dian-griego@aol.com](mailto:dian-griego@aol.com) or 925 676-6097 by Thursday, March 3.

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



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2021 is quickly passing by and Christmas has come and gone by now. As December 31<sup>st</sup> is looming we want to send out Kudos and a big “Thank You” for a job well done by our Newsletter duo – **Francis & Veronica Domaratius**. They have corrected my goofs and have made my column look decent – the many years they have volunteered are truly appreciated by all of us. They will be hard to replace! I wonder what “new” job they will take on – maybe just sitting on the porch sipping a Margarita and enjoying a bon-bon or two. Have fun and enjoy your free time!

Our Christmas luncheon was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fish Market – we had a dandy group who enjoyed the food and it was great to be able to meet again and to celebrate the holidays.

Here are our upcoming luncheon dates:

- ▲ January 24, 2022 – BYOBL
- ▲ February 28, 2022 – Chinese “Year of the Tiger” Lunch, more info later – (it’s not Leap Year, Thank you eagle-eye news editors.)
- ▲ March 28, 2022 – St. Patrick’s Day – Corned Beef and Cabbage feast – more info later.

We have learned that **Art & Linda Barrett** will soon be moving to Galt, California to be closer to their son and daughter-in-law and family. Art has been our Treasurer for many years and we commend him for keeping us solvent. We will miss them both as they traveled with us on many fun trips and were faithful members of our group. They have a large back yard but Art says no more gardening – they could raise a couple


of cattle for us as prices for beef have skyrocketed here in the Bay Area. Farmers markets have sprung up all over the county – fresh produce in abundance.

It pays to reach 100 years of age – just ask **Bob Donovan!** He and **Ella Mae** were gifted by their Church with tickets to the Giants/Dodgers baseball game in San Francisco. A big Limo picked them up and leisurely drove them to the Stadium. Wonderful seats to watch the game and their picture appeared on the huge TV monitors while those around him sang Happy Birthday to him. Strangers came by and wished him well, people in the parking lot stopped by to say hello – the grin on Bob’s face was a delight to see. Ella Mae is celebrating her 90+ + birthday (I wonder if she is a baseball fan) and will soon catch up to Bob. They recently celebrated their 73<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. Our congrats to you both!

What was supposed to be a relaxing of the rules and mandates having us staying close to home is now back to the “un-normal” – this new virus variant has urged us to not travel, wear our masks, get those vaccinations and booster shots. The paper work to re-enter the USA is daunting – Covid tests have to be done 1 day before you want to return and must be negative. Every day is something different. With the kiddies back in school, here comes the Flu and colds. So it’s back to reading, watching TV and finding new recipes how to cook Chicken in 10 easy ways. Thanks to Campbell Soup recipe books – the pages are well worn! Many restaurants are doing a land office business with their home delivery choices.

So ... to all of you, we wish you well, hang in there, stay safe, drink lots of water and squeeze in some exercise (walking to the ice-box is not exercise,) call a buddy just to say “Hi”, watch a beautiful sunset and enjoy your grandkids. (They will probably ask you what an ice-box is!!!)

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



**HANGTOWN MINERS**  
 Jane Gibson  
 Secretary  
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Greetings to all of you! Before I jump into the minutes, I would like to thank you all for your patience with

me. I was only able to send out the information regarding our December luncheon (more to follow) before I set up “camp” at our daughter, Sarah’s, home in Elk Grove. Their family makes an annual pilgrimage to “Mouse World” during the Thanksgiving week off from school. It worked out well for me as she has plenty of counter space and I could work on the center pieces for our December luncheon.

Did you leave the Thanksgiving dinner table feeling a bit stuffed - like the turkey you just enjoyed? I hope everyone was able to be with family and friends during this special day. This month also has a day set aside to honor those who have or are serving in one of our wonderful, dedicated branches of the United States Armed Forces. Veterans’ Day brings to the forefront the men and women who ga(i)ve their time, energy, talents to keep all of us safe. They proudly protect and defend our nation every day. Many of you have served, some lost family members, friends. To each of you, we say, “Thank You”.

Our great president, **Bill Dinette** was not able to attend this meeting, so our equally great Vice President, **Rudy Blazius**, handled everything for us. Rudy extended our “Thank You” to **Gina Kenworthy**. Gina found and booked our luncheon at Wally’s Pizza & Bar in Cameron Park. What a fun time we all had. They had our table ready – now when I say “table” it was really a very long line of tables put together to form one long table – as in it extended all the way across the room! Hey, when you have 28 Miners ready to have some fun, you know you need room! Had to chuckle as I believe there was only one pizza ordered! The mix of meals was awesome, the taste was delicious, the proportions generous and a place that could work for us again. No one present owned up to having a birthday in November. Nor were there any anniversaries this month. We did have a few guests though! **John Muir** brought **Ann Marie Sutherland**, and **Doe Pope** brought her son, **Dale** and his wife, **Donna**. Now, as it happens, Dale is a “new” retiree from UAL and has joined the Hangtown Miners. So we say, welcome to all three of you and happy to have Dale and Donna as Miners.

*President* ~ As mentioned above, **Bill Dinette** was not able to join us today.

*Vice President* ~ **Rudy Blazius**, filling in for Bill, didn’t have anything to report, but he took charge handling other items (read on).

*Treasurer* ~ It was great to have **Tom Kenny** here today. However, he will be cutting a check to cover the \$200 rental fee for our December luncheon at the American Legion Hall. So, as you should be aware, our annual dues are due soon! 2022 will be here before we know it – as in (about) 5 weeks! For real! Well, Tom was writing like crazy to be sure that all the names were checked off as members gave him their \$10 annual dues.

But, as you know, sometimes it can take 6 months before everyone gets their dues sent in to Tom; because this really drags out all our bookkeeping and planning, we voted to amend our rules. **Judy Fitzpatrick** motioned to have our by-laws read that: “*Hangtown Miners annual dues will be \$10 annually when the dues are paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the given year. Dues not received until after April 1<sup>st</sup> (of given year) will be boosted up to \$20.*” Motion was seconded by **Duncan Nielsen**; motion passed. Of course, new members will continue to pay the \$10 whenever they join. So, be sure to get your check for your annual dues of \$10 – made out to: Hangtown Miners – sent to: **Tom Kenny**; 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667 as soon as possible.

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have anything to report. I do want to thank all of you for signing up to host our 2022 luncheons. Here’s the line up of hosts: January – **Diana & Duncan**; February – **Bill & Pati Kenney**; March – **Tom & Suzanne Kenny**; April – **Roy & Dawn Martin**; May – **Thom Biro** and **Suzanne Kenny**; June – **Doe Pope**; July – **Ann & Kerry**; August – **Bill & Linda Dinette**; September – **Heier & Fitzpatrick**; October – **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**; November – **Gina Kenworthy**; December – Chapter effort.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** asked Gina if she had heard anything more about **Ed Akin**. Gina and **Bill Gibson** contributed that Ed is doing much better, determined to go home, but still has a lot of rehabilitation to go through.

*Historian* ~ **Pati (Kenney)**, we want to thank you for taking care of our “history” for the past three years. Thank you for lugging the books to our meetings so people can browse thru them and remember the members and events of the past 14 years. **John Muir** brought in some personal albums to pass around and enjoy.

Old Business ~ Well, we had a couple important items to cover today. Let’s start with voting on our officers for 2022! In October we took nominations for next year’s officers. No changes were proposed and we proceeded with the panel of officers who were nominated. For: *President* - **Bill Dinette**; *Vice President* - **Rudy Blazius**; *Treasurer* - **Tom Kenny**; *Secretary* - **Jane Gibson**; *Sunshine* - **Suzanne Kenny**; and *Historian* - **Roy & Dawn Martin**. This panel of nominated officers passed unanimously. Thank you, Everyone!

Now, on to our December luncheon. This luncheon is a wonderful way to wrap up each year. Since we were not able to get together in 2020, it seems to feel even more special to be able to be with all our friends this year. I can only speak for myself, but when something you enjoy has been taken away from you, it feels all that much more important when we “get it back”. All the pertinent information about the luncheon is below, but this is how we got to those choices!



While we have the American Legion Hall in Placerville rented for our event, we needed to decide on how and what we could be eating! Since no one was unhappy with the caterer who handled our luncheon last year, **Bill Dinette** contacted her again to see if she would be available on December 13 and what she suggested for a menu. Diane Wilkinson Catering suggested: Appetizers: bacon wrapped dates, gourmet cheese board Entree: (carving station) garlic pepper crusted Tri-Tip served with horseradish cream sauce, chimichuri sauce, Chicken Marbella, roasted potatoes with fresh rosemary, cheese tortellini, seasonal fresh vegetable, chopped Romaine with homemade lemon vinaigrette and croutons, Artisan breads with sweet butter Refreshments: Ice tea, lemonade punch, coffee/tea service, Dessert Buffet. The cost also includes: stylishly served in a buffet style, (serving staff included) all serving pieces, all china, linens, silverware. Traditionally the Hangtown Miners Chapter subsidizes this luncheon. Rudy and Tom conferred before our meeting, calculated the cost for everything, considered the “usual” number of members who attend and came up with a recommendation for the amount that we could pay for each member who comes.

First we needed to approve the caterer: **Roy Martin** motioned that we use Diane Wilkinson Catering for our December luncheon; **Pati Kenney** seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next we needed to determine the amount the Chapter will subsidize. The cost for the caterer (including tip) will come to \$35 per member. Rudy and Tom determined that we could pay \$25 per member. **Diana Bell** motioned that we pay \$25 per member for the December luncheon; **Duncan Nielsen** seconded; motion passed.

So, Folks, that means that you will be able to enjoy a great meal for just \$10! This applies to Hangtown Miners members, if you wish to bring a guest (non-member) the full \$35 will be charged.

Also, please take a few minutes while you’re out and about to pick up something like a toy or game that we will make sure goes to a family in the El Dorado County. If cruising around the kids’ section doesn’t appeal to you, then just grab a gift card (doesn’t need to be a large amount) that will also brighten someone’s day.

Of course, we sure don’t want anyone to go hungry ever, but especially at this joyous time of the year. When you are out doing your grocery shopping (or however you shop these days) please put some extras into your cart. Canned foods and/or non perishables are greatly needed. A gift card for a local grocery store can make a difference too. Again, all donations will be going to a local family.

And next we thought it would be fun to lighten

things up a bit! Now, I don’t want to hear any groaning or grumbling when I say it will be fun to do something out of the ordinary. I am challenging you to come up with something crazy or wacky to wear – a sweater or sweatshirt, a vest, a hat, a shirt – that you have taken a bit of time to have some fun with! You can go to the dollar store and get some garland, or battery powered lights and really have fun creating a fun(ny) design. I know you can find already weird things in many stores. Do you have a hobby that you can use for an inspiration? Fishing? Golfing? (I have seen some really unusual golf accessories) Cooking? Now, I’m not talking a “costume” or a lot of money or time, but, just having a good time and being creative. I really look forward to seeing what you come up with for this one!

I think I have covered everything. It’s most important that you send your \$10 check to **Bill Dinette** for our luncheon. He needs to give the caterer our head count by Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, so don’t delay. Should you be late getting it in the mail, please contact Bill and let him know you’re coming so you will be included.

Also, don’t forget to send your 2022 dues (\$10) (made out to Hangtown Miners) to **Tom Kenny**. Some of you paid for more than one year so if you’re not sure if you have paid for 2022 already, again, contact Tom to verify.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close and then put on his raffle hat and got the raffle going! Winner of the \$20 donors ticket this month is **Pati Kenney**. A big “Thank You” to everyone who brought items: **Blazius** – wine cooler & wine; **Fitzpatrick** – cookie collection; **Gibson** – caramel sauce & lotion; **Bell** – sparkling wine; **Kenney** – onpot (?), candle, photo album, **Dellinger** – cookies; **Kenny** – pumpkin; **Martin** – wine; **Heier** – wine; **Biro** – wine.

I will see you all in a couple weeks, until then, stay happy, healthy and safe. Remember to laugh every day!

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We had our Christmas Lunch the first Thursday of December and we had 43 attending for one of the best times ever!

The staff at Hunter’s Steakhouse was very efficient and accommodating and the steaks are hard to beat. A Holiday dessert, a double layer chocolate cake was provided by RESANS.

**Betty Tomaino** was unable to join us as she is re-

covering from a bout of pneumonia. **Debbie Taylor** was also unable to be with us as she was having an attack of Vertigo. I have since checked with them and they are both doing fine.

There was a great team to help at the Lunch, **Barbara Drews, Louis Semon, Peggy Van Sickle, Jackie Schwartz, and Rosalie Tripicchio**. Thank you to them for helping make our lunch such a success.

**Paul Zadrozny** was the winner of the 50/50 and offered to deliver the "Toys for Tots". We had so many, we filled his car and there will be some excited children receiving these on Christmas! Thank you Paul.

Our former Station Manager, **Alton Turner**, has recently retired and joined our family. It was so good to see him. Al gave us a short talk about his retirement and life after United. We look forward to seeing him and his wife join us in our monthly breakfasts and other functions.

As we begin the New Year and are making travel plans, it is important to make note that there are some Important Phone Numbers you will want to make note of.


The Flying Together Help Desk that we used to reset our passwords is now called the United Airlines Technical Service Desk. The Employee Travel Center has no telephones or email. They ask that all questions come through HelpHub. There is also a chat feature from any Travel Page on Flying Together. Submit your questions using Help Hub at <https://helphub.ual.com>.

I realize this is repetitive from a former issue of RUAEA but I have received many questions and I hope this helps.

If you are in San Diego, come and join us for a good time of good conversation and a great breakfast. Due to possible Covid restrictions I would advise you call or send an email so we can let you know if this is going to be a go.

#### Calendar:

**January 6** – Breakfast, Pt. Loma Café, (619) 226-0255, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92106

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers did not meet in November as all were busy with Thanksgiving. We all look forward to our Christmas/Holiday luncheon and the toy collection for Toys for Tots. Of course, by the time

this goes to press it will almost be next year ... 2022.

For 2022, we will continue with the current officers, **Dave Garland** - President, **Barbara Bertacini** - Vice President, **Judie King** - Treasurer, **Ron Bertacini** - Secretary, **Angie Dellinger** - Sunshine, **Stephanie Norton** - Historian and **Jack Raynor** - Roster.


We have high hopes for a better 2022 with more attendees to our luncheon/meetings. Also another great Convention ... wherever. Finally we are wishing **Judie King** a rapid recovery from a recent illness.

Happy Holidays to all our retired airline friends!

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

The San Joaquin Chapter always meets on the second Thursday of each month at various locations. We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone to join us. Please contact our president **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 if you would like information about our chapter.

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We were very happy to see so many members attending our annual Christmas luncheon. Thanks to **Cheri Scales** for making all the arrangements with the catering company and the Scottish Rite Temple with the venue. It could not have been better. Festive decorations provided by the temple, was a pleasant surprise, which were further enhanced by Poinsettia plants at each table, thanks to **Julie Midwin**. Not to forget the effort that **Ben Scales** and yours truly did to assemble table gifts for those in attendance. So happy to see former, now classified as remote members, participating. **Dave & Robin Garland**, from Rocklin; **Keith & Ann Olthof**, from Ripon. Nice to see **Al & Mary Lou Rodgers, Thelma Graham, Maureen Snyder** with son and daughter in-law and **Albert Grossman**, all enjoying themselves.

With 42 members and guests attending, I could not



list all the names, but have provided a photo of the group. They enjoyed Chicken in a mushroom sauce and BBQ'd tri-tip and all the fixings. Everyone did not leave for want of more. Cheri was also kind enough to bring a case of wine, which members certainly liked that extra touch. It was agreed that we would hire the caterer again for our annual Vasona picnic next year, which hopefully we can finally have after the past two years. More details later on that, but we plan for sometime in June.

Our fearless leader, **Chuck Clayborn**, is heading to the exits of California and traversing the great desert to find a dwelling in the sunny land of Arizona. Although he won't be packing the jeep just yet, the need to find someone to fill his shoes has arisen. At the December chapter meeting a vote was put forth and **Marian Johnson** was elected to be the new president (actually she wasn't at the meeting, but was informed by phone soon after). Thanks Marian for volunteering (or not attending the meeting).

It is with sadness that I have to report the loss of **Elfriede Grossman**, who passed away November 16. As long term member with her husband, **Albert**, she will be missed. Our thoughts are with her husband and family.

We all look forward to being able to once again have members who have been reluctant to attend our meetings in person, due to this terrible virus, will find improved conditions in the coming year. If you would like to join us, please feel free any time. We meet the first Monday of each month at 10:00. The restaurant is located at 998 S. De Anza Blvd, San Jose, just off highway 85.

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

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President **Don Burbank** opened our lunch meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. We just started doing this again and it seems well received by the members. Remembering what the flag of the great country we are citizens of is always good. We hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Don mentioned that everyone received a "wellness letter" from United concerning Medicare. The dollars mentioned is what comes out of your Social Security, and not an extra charge.



Our RUAEA National Executive VP **Ruth Morabito** from the Western Slope was with us and a fellow we all know, **Boyd Porter**, a long time retired employee and is also currently living on the Western Slope. Boyd says he may be around for a few more luncheons. All visitors and friends are always welcome!

The United Historical Society folks were at our luncheon and introduced themselves. This group has put together UAL memorabilia and has a display at the Training Center in Denver. We expressed our appreciation for their attendance and let them know they are always welcome.

In the November 2021 Newsletter we mentioned that **Mal Malesardi**, one of our volunteer workers in the Denver Office, was a recipient of the "Charles Taylor" Award. The enclosed picture was taken at the ceremony but not available for the November issue. From left to right, FAA Official, Award recipient - **Michael Malesardi**, retired Maintenance Tech. DENMM, **Mario Terenzio**, Maintenance Mgr. DENMM and FAA official, **Gina Moretto**. This is a prestigious award and not easy to get and we are proud of Mal and his achievement.



#### What is the Charles Taylor Award?

Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award ~ The Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award is named in honor of Mr. Charles Taylor, the first aviation mechanic in powered flight. The Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award recognizes the lifetime accomplishments of senior mechanics. Mr. Taylor served as the Wright brothers' mechanic and is credited with designing and building the engine for their first successful aircraft.

Eligibility: To be eligible for the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award, nominees must meet the following criteria:

- ▲ Hold a U.S. Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) or Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mechanic or repairman certificate.
- ▲ Have 50 or more years of civil and military maintenance experience.
- ▲ Up to 20 years of the required 50 years may be U.S. military experience; or worked as an uncertified person in a U.S. aviation maintenance facility that maintained U.S. registered aircraft, either domestic or overseas; or worked as an uncertified person in the aircraft manufacturing industry in the United States, producing U.S. type-certificated or U.S. military aircraft. The 50 years may be computed consecutively or

non-consecutively.

- ▲ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ▲ Have **not** had any airman certificate revoked. Revocation of any airman certificate will disqualify a nominee for this award.

Our RUAEA National President and local Chapter President, **Don Burbank**, received this award in July of 2013. There are many other recipients and we want to express our gratitude for a job well done!

Our next luncheon is January 6, 2022 at Ted's Place at 11:00 am.

Our next Mechanics breakfast is December 17, 2021 at Ted's Place at 8:30 am. All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

### FLORIDA

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

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at [wopahofl@comcast.net](mailto:wopahofl@comcast.net) or **Rich Capozzi** at [rca-pozzi@rocketmail.com](mailto:rca-pozzi@rocketmail.com).

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The Real McCoy's celebrated the season with a wonderful Christmas Lunch/Party at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant in our private Alecio Room! Members included President **Ernie Vosges** and First Lady **Cheryl**, **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand** and **Ted LeGrand III**, **Elaine & Joe Mannella**, **Al & Lois Fields**, **Mack Chandler**, **Linda Agnello & Bob Olsen**, **Geneva & David Benton**, **Al & Joanne Mollet**, **Tom & Peg Cannata**, **Patti & Monte Clark**, **Darryl & Laurie Bork** and Laurie's Mom **Nancy Infelise**, **Loretta Finn**, **Mau-reen & Mike Sterinsky**, **Diane Lewis**, **Bob & Sandy Duszynski**, **Jim & Joette Feeny**, **Dick & Cathy Ben-**

son, **Angel Montalvo** and **Dee Francis**.

The McCoys Treasurer Charlotte and Secretary Elaine seem to be “glued to those chairs” but we welcomed, by popular vote, a new/returning President **Al Fields**, and a brand new VP, **Ted LeGrand III!!** Welcome Guys!

We made time between courses to find out who has a Birthday coming: **David Benton**, **Nancy Infelise** and **Maureen Sterinsky** will be having cake and blowing out candles! Yeah!

And Loving Couple Anniversary Wishes to **Laurie & Darryl Bork**, **Geneva & David Benton** and **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand!** Huge Congrats and many more happy years together!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year 2022 filled with all the things that make your heart happy and healthy! God bless us everyone!

The Real McCoys meet at the Denny’s just north of the airport on the first Tuesday of each month (with the exception of our April Picnic & the Christmas Luncheon). Mark your calendars and join us – you’ll be glad you did. Our first meeting of 2022 will be on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Noon.



#### **SW PELICANS DROP-INS**

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Since emerging from the COVID-19 lockdown, our meetings are mainly social lunches. We meet at the Summerlin Cafe and always have lively conversations. At our last meeting, **Wally Alves** entertained us with stories of his pilot escapades with United. His humorous memories go way back.

We’ve lost some members, and with the holiday season upon us, our attendance is spotty. Attending our last meeting were **Wally Alves**, **Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ray Jensen**, **Nancy Kopp**, **Rick & Jane Marton**, **Paul & Ingrid Olson**, **Roger Schonewise**, and **Pat Schneider**.

We always welcome new members. Our meetings are the first Friday of the month at 11:30AM, October through May. For more information call (239) 888-2744.

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 Cafe, 11370 Summerlin Square Drive, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931. Please call (239) 888-2744 for more information.



#### **THE SAND DOLLARS**

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Due to some continued concerns about the number of Covid cases in our area, the Sand Dollars have decided to delay their monthly luncheons for a short while. For information about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at [ASDIP920@aol.com](mailto:ASDIP920@aol.com), or phone (941) 360-6671.



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Our December meeting was a Christmas Luncheon at Outback Steakhouse with 13 in attendance. There’s not much going on and we enjoyed ourselves.

Jon told me he is still playing ball and all he did was step down from President of Kids & Kubs ... he said he enjoys just playing the game.

We wished All A Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Calendar:  
**January 3, 2022 - IHOP**

## IDAHO



**TREASURE COAST**  
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Greetings from Stuart, Florida! We are going to start up our monthly meetings on January 4, 2022 at Duffy's, South Stuart at 12:30 PM. If you are in the area, please join us for our start up meeting.

Please email me if interested.

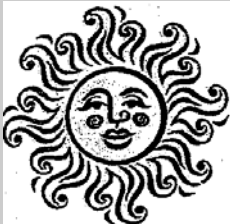
## HAWAII



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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to [HNLURUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLURUA@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](mailto:annmedve@icloud.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.



**BOISE GEMS**  
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The Boise Gems wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Next month will include the report on the holiday luncheon on December 8, at Bacquets French Restaurant with 14 in attendance along with our newest members **Karl & Ruth Stammnitz** from the Sacramento, California area. We look forward to meeting Karl & Ruth.

The Boise Gems will not meet in January. Our next scheduled meeting will be in March 2022. Members will be notified of the date and location toward the end of February.

## ILLINOIS



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January 2022—**Wow**, we made it past another dropped ball! Looking forward to good times and a positive attitude to whatever we run into. Did you have nice holidays? Good times? No illnesses or sniffles to keep you away from your family, I hope not. Any Lottery winners? I won \$16.00, whoopee! Did you attend any of the United parties from your old departments? Important thing is if you got to spend time with your family or close friends. Hard to believe we are the matriarchs or patriarchs of the family, isn't it? I've lived longer than my grandparents, my father, and many aunts and uncles, many died in their 60's and 70's. Jeez! I'm old, but so very lucky, warts and all! Count my/our blessings, seeing our kids, grandkids, even great grand kids. I still have to catch up with my mom, she lived until 94. Mom would always say, 'God's not ready for me'. I'd say, 'Mom, you're not soup yet, and God really is not prepared for you'. Then we'd laugh. I guess God was finally prepared for her to make him laugh. Every once in a while, I think of something mom would delight in hearing, gossip, funny joke, see a new pair of shoes, and I think, I'll call her, hmmm, wait, but where is she now? Home? The Assisted Living place? Oh yeah, she's in heaven. Guess I'll just do a silent conver-



sation with her and my dad. I know they're listening, and like Santa, watching. I still can't get away with anything. Wishing you all a very prosperous and healthy 2022, let's write a great story of our lives for the next 365 days. Remember conjugating verbs? 2021 is Stink, Stank and Stunk!

Funny days to remember in January include National Hangover Day (1<sup>st</sup> of course), Chocolate Covered Cherry Day (3<sup>rd</sup>), the Epiphany (6<sup>th</sup> - Take down your Tree), Peculiar People (10<sup>th</sup>), Rubber Ducky Day (13<sup>th</sup>), Dress up your Pet (14<sup>th</sup>), Winnie the Pooh (18<sup>th</sup>), Popcorn (19<sup>th</sup>), Peanut Butter (24<sup>th</sup>), and Hot Chocolate Day, (31<sup>st</sup>). On the 17<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the life of Martin Luther King. Monthly celebrations are Hobby Month, Braille Month, and Soup Month. Do your part to celebrate the real outrageous ones. The flower of the month is the carnation, the birthstone is the garnet. Happy Birthday to our January babies! The first full moon of the year is on the 17<sup>th</sup>, called the Wolf or Snow Moon. At least you're older all year, don't have to wait until December to get that extra candle.

The Northside breakfast had seven people, **Joan Teister, Jerry Tipperreiter, Barb Wesemann, Virginia Kondraros, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Dave Dunham, and Jan Gawenda**. Most of the conversation was about Thanksgiving and all our turkey friends.

**Toni Van Kampen** has been traveling a lot with her husband, **Darryl**. They've been to North Dakota, Minnesota, Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware. They spent Christmas in Minnesota with family.

The Southside breakfast had only **Bill Corbett**, he's hoping that more retirees join him next month. We're not sure if this is because of the Covid, cold weather, illness and/or disinterest. We don't want to cancel this get-together permanently. There used to be anywhere from 16-20 every month, now it's down to 4-5 regulars. Let Bill or I know your feelings on continuing our monthly meeting. Let's keep in touch and the friendships going.

The ORDMM mechanics meeting is getting bigger all the time. The regulars were **Gene Wright, Harry Kargenian, Bob Palm, Dean Hackenberg, Bob Zeier, Frank Wenig, Jim Kraft, Rich Protsman, Cas Paprocki**, almost regulars **LB Neal, Bill Durr, Don Matker**, and long time no see, **John Kovacik** and **Larry Stilwell**. John is happy to announce his treatments have been successful and he's cancer free. Great news!

Our ORDMM foremen were **Tom Abraham, Bob Smietanski, Stan Chmieliwicz**, and yours truly.

The IAM Luncheon at the Seville was fabulous, as always. Over 100 members and their guests attended. The raffles are always the highlight of the party. There was a food collection for Food Pantries, and there was an abundance of food and spirits, liquid and emotional. With an open bar and bottles of wine on each table,

there definitely were high spirits. Thank you Union 1487 for a fun afternoon. It was so good to see everybody in their finest attire, laughing and even singing.

The RUPA Club will meet on January 11, at the Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin. **Glenn Hill**, retired manager of ORDMM, will be the speaker telling his adventures as Crew Chief on the B17 and B25; should be a fun afternoon.

Anybody remember Minnie Minoso? He played baseball since 1946, known as the Cuban Comet. He died in 2015, and was finally voted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame last month. I remember hearing his name and fame since I was a kid. He finally made it, what took so long? Congratulations, Minnie, great player! No new updates on the Bears moving to Arlington Heights.

We do have an update on the disposition of olde EXO on Algonquin Road. A SFO based information technology company, CloudHQ, would like to demolish our three buildings and parking lots, build three data centers, and a new ComEd substation. The three buildings would consist of three 84 megawatt data centers totaling more than 566,000 square feet of gross floor area per building. The substation would handle the energy needs of the data centers. These three buildings will be at 1200 Algonquin Rd., while the substation will occupy the parking lot at Linneman Rd. and Dempster St. Two of the data centers would have more than 31,000 square feet of office space, while the third would have more than 26,000 square feet of office space. CloudHQ is expecting 75 to 100 employees per building. Whoa, 566,000 square feet of space, and only 100 people per building? If you're going to go, go big! Pat Patterson is swirling in his grave. Guess we're not in Kansas anymore, Toto. I wonder what they do in there. Google the company, you can see their website. Some of these numbers sound weird to me, but I got them from the Daily Herald news article. We'll see, ok, I passed it on to you.

Our fellow workers who Flew West last month include **Carl Bye**, ORDFO, **James Brown**, ORDMM, **Dick Hyde**, EXOLW, **Lynn Zarka**, **Patti Okon**, and **Cheryl Waldrop**, ORDSW, **Kevin Phelps**, ORDMM/ORDGC, **Ron Carlson**, ORDFF, **Shelly Szymanski**, wife of **Walter**, ORDMM, and **Victor Cruz**, EXOWS. Also gone from our world in 2021 are, Chicago activist **Timuel Black**, baseball player, **LaMarr Hoyt**, actors **Dean Stockwell**, **Arlene Dahl**, **Jerry Douglas** (Young & the Restless), **Lisa Brown** (Guiding Light), **Eddie Mekka** (Laverne & Shirley), **Art LaFleur** (Field of Dreams), singers **Graeme Edge** (Moody Blues), **Keith Allison** (Paul Revere & the Raiders), **Stonewall Jackson**, composer **Stephen Sondheim**, and Senator **Bob Dole**.

**Just a few notes to ask a favor, if you report a death in our family, please list the employees name,**

file number, department code and city they died in, if possible. Trying to look for obituaries is difficult because if I think they passed in Chicago, but they moved to Alabama etc., I have to change my newspaper's location. I think you'd like to be advised when one of our fellow workers passes on. Any help you can give me would be appreciated.

Our fabulous team of **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** have decided to leave their editor position of the RUAEA Newsletter. I guess after 11 years, they've had enough of deadlines, proofreading, setting up the front and back pages, calling the correspondents every month to see if they have a column this month. I'm going to miss them terribly; they've treated me so well, with my 2,000 word reports. They changed or altered my articles maybe 2-3 times. That's pretty good after only 9 years. I don't know how they did it, keeping track of over 50 chapters every month, checking spelling, grammar, English, looking for duplicate reports, oh, so many things that a mortal human wouldn't even think about. A new editor is in place, **John Chu**, who's been doing the layout and more for years, so I congratulate the Dynamic Duo that are leaving, and welcome dear John, who will continue their sterling work. Helping him will be **Ruth Morabito** and **Martha Gooselaw**. Best wishes to Veronica & Francis, enjoy your life and keep in touch. You deserve all the acclamations, hand clapping, and standing ovations we can shower upon you. Enjoy your life, take a cruise, don't worry about deadlines or late nights anymore. You're both very special, take care of each other.

So many couples love this song, it holds special meaning to many. *"There's a new world somewhere they call the promised land. And I'll be there someday if you could hold my hand. I still need you there beside me, no matter what I do, for I know I'll never find another you". See if you can get it out of your head."*

A smart quote from **Pete Gropp's** dad, 'You get what you want, but you lose what you had'.

As far as ages go, I heard that the new 60 is 50, the new 70 is 60, but 80 is still 80.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**January 13**). Second Thursday of the month.


Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**January 25**). Last Tuesday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**January 20**) Third Thursday

IAM 1487 Luncheon, Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd, Streamwood (**January 6**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday. Hot Dog Day.

RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of Illinois, 1575 Edgewood Drv, Algonquin, 11:00 A.M. Tuesday (**January 11**). Speaker **Glenn Hill**, EAA B17 and B25 pilot ORDMM

### INDIANA

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

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is looking for new members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

- January 11, 2022 at Emmy's
- February 8, 2022 at Emmy's
- March 8, 2022 at Emmy's

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Greetings to All!

We did not hold our meeting, so there is no meeting news. I continually send texts asking all members for info to put in the monthly Newsletter, but **never** get any response. Since we haven't had any meetings due to Covid-19, I'm wondering if any members care anymore!


A special thanks to **Veronica Domaratius** for all her help and I hope she enjoys her deserved retirement.

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and that the New Year is much better than last.

#### Calendar:

Canceled meetings, but be sure to get your COVID-19 shots and boosters

### MICHIGAN


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Thought for the month: *To see peace in the world, it has to start with each of us finding peace in our own heart.* ~ The Word Among Us.

Wishing you all the beauty of this Christmas season.

Have a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

### MINNESOTA

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Happy New Year, everyone! We're now into our second year of dealing with viruses ... Covid-19, the Delta mutation and now the Omicron mutation. Welcome to our current reality, I guess.

Here in MN, some of us who live out here in the hinterland are a bit more relaxed about getting out and about. Those who live in the human density of the Twin Cities take a more cautious attitude. Since vaccination has blanketed the state and booster shots are coming online, according to those "in the know", we are better equipped to ward off the current version of the Nasty. Maybe. But be sure to wear your mask! Aaargh!

We're really happy that a small percentage of our more recent retiree population around here, both pre-merger and post-merger, are beginning to find the great joy of meeting their old work pals regularly.

We who started this chapter 28 years ago have enjoyed the camaraderie of regularly seeing after retirement our colleagues with whom we worked with for years. After all, during all those years, we were proba-


bly in close contact with some of them as much as we were with our families.

In November, 12 retirees met at Luckys 13 in Mendota, MN to visit and enjoy lunch together. Since winter is upon us, we have opted **not** to have a regularly scheduled event because of the vagaries of weather and driving conditions. But we have decided on Luckys as our venue of choice. So we've encouraged people to continue to meet there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month and see who shows up! Thanks to **Pat Juberien** for all her efforts to get people's interest in keeping things going!

I got a notice from **Jan Hannah** of the passing of **Bill Young** on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bill was one of the stalwart Operations Agents who, for decades at MSP, planned the loading of the airplanes during the days pre-computer programs and after. He was 97 at his death and we hadn't seen him at our lunches for many years. He and several of the other guys made annual fishing trips for many years and the stories told about those junkets are legend. Unfortunately, I have no current contacts for his family to send condolences.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11am, meet at Luckys 13, 1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, MN 55150. Phone ~ (651) 452-1311

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





## NEVADA



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There is no report this month from the Las Vegas Chapter of RUAEA.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The Luncheon meetings will be held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



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There were 12 members at our monthly meeting at the Black Bear Diner.

A new airline has landed at Reno/Tahoe International Airport. Aha Airlines (Air-Hotel-Adventure), which formed from ExpressJet Regional after it was dropped by United Airlines during the pandemic. The airline is going to cover most of the small cities on the West coast from Spokane, WA to Ontario, CA from Reno. They will be flying 50 seat Embraer ERJ145 aircraft.

November birthdays were celebrated by **Allen Robbins**. The 50/50 winner was **Barbara Leusing**. **Kathy Robinson** won the little ceramic Thanksgiving figurine.

This will likely be our last Christmas Luncheon at the Tamarack Casino. We had 31 people sign up and we are looking forward to a nice gathering, especially after so much time apart. We will be missing a few of our regulars: **Donna & Bill Perkins**, **Doug & Nancy Scaife**, **Pat Nettles**, and the **Borchers**. Hopefully, next year will be more "normal".

## NEW JERSEY



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A GardenStaters meeting was held at the stage house Tavern in Scotch Plains on December 8. It was opened with a flag salute by our President **Frank Warzocha**. A Small Memorial service was held for **George Whitman** who was the founder of our GardenStaters back in 1994 since he passed away three weeks ago.

**George Whitman** was an ardent member of our chapter and did much to bring it this far. He was a lead mechanic in the building and maintenance department, and he and his Merry men were always working to fix things in hangar 14 and in terminal A, and somehow they always finished with a smile. George will certainly be missed.

**Frank Warzocha** won our 50/50.

Our next meeting will be on March 30, 2022 at the stage house Tavern in Scotch Plains. Our president decided that due to the decrease in the number of attendees to our meetings, the January and February meetings will be canceled. If there is any other news I will send it out.

**Frank Koskoaska** gave an update on the things are going on at EWR. He specially brought up about the new company policy on companion passes. More information will follow.

An essay about success. What is success? To laugh often and love much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends. To appreciate the beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, or a garden patch or redeemed social conditions, to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.



## NEW YORK



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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 METROPOLITAN AREA**

#### **NEW YORK METROS**

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The Christmas luncheon drew 33 Metros, including guests **Linda Mundon**, **Louise Suduki** and **Ray For-ester**. There is no gossip to report. Our snowbirds were still with us, but heading south soon.

We gave out many prizes: money, table center-pieces and bottles of wine. I won the top 50/50 of \$50, **Angie Paris** won \$30 and **Vicky Petrick** won \$15.

The reason we didn't have news for November was that I worked the Board of Elections from 5:00am to 9:00pm, plus an extra hour to close down machines and drop off ballots and supplies. I didn't get home until 10:45. It was a long day, so I stayed in my p.j.'s all day Thursday.

My friend **Una De George** celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 16<sup>th</sup>, my only social outing until Thanksgiving in Princeton.

We celebrated **Madeline Klos'** birthday on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

There will be no meeting for January. The next meeting will be February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Davenport Press.

Let's remember Pearl Harbor.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Swing Onto*  
**A NEW YEAR!**

## OHIO



#### **OHIO BUCKEYES**

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We had our December Christmas Luncheon at "Williams on-the-Lake" on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. There were 48 members in attendance, and enjoyed catching up with the latest gossip. Last year we did not have our Christmas party because of Covid-19. This year, only the Officers knew what was going to happen next. Yep! Everyone was really surprised when Santa Claus showed up with his loud Ho, Ho, Ho. Santa made it a point to go around to all the tables, handing out candy canes to all and wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. It's a place we've used before as they always have it decorated very nice for Christmas. They always have a very nice buffet and it's always good. Our President Dolly announced that after we eat, we will have our 50/50 drawing, then cover our pertinent information, and then we "party". We then said Grace before our meal was served.

Our dues (still \$5 per person / \$10 per couple) are due in January, please pay with a check made Payable to "Ohio Buckeyes Chapter". "There has been a change in the procedure of payment". Announcement: Payments for dues will now be mailed to John T. (Dues Collector) as you will see in your Ohio Buckeyes Newsletter. Dolly announced that if you want to pay today, please wait till after our meeting. At a luncheon, when paying your dues with cash, please put the money in the provided envelopes and write your name on the envelope and the year you are paying for.

Many of our members were dealing with health issues. Please keep the club advised of any illnesses you may know of so we can pass it along, getting our "Thoughts and Prayers" to those in need.

December 7<sup>th</sup> – The day that will live in infamy ~ The attack on Pearl Harbor was 80 years ago, but we'll never forget. We held a moment of silence

Next, just 2½ weeks later we will be celebrating Christmas. We must remember it is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

We had our 50/50 drawing with four very happy winners. Followed by a Special "Thank You" to **Tom & Marty Hassel** for the fabulous job of hosting our Christmas party and the favors that they provided for all in attendance. Just 2 weeks prior, they started with a count of only 13, but even with 6 cancellations the count jumped to 48.

A special "Thank You" also goes out to Williams

on-the Lake for the wonderful meal, service and decorations. A special note to let everyone know that Williams on-the-Lake was working with a short staff, as most restaurants and other businesses are struggling with a shortage of workers. I think they did a very good job on getting everything set up and prepared for us. I hope you all agree that in these trying times we all have to make the best of our situations.

Next up was door prize drawing of our annual Christmas \$\$ envelopes. Guess who drew the winning tickets? Yes, Santa picked the winning tickets. Santa also stayed for pictures, and everyone just loved it. That was very nice.

We wish everyone a “Merry Christmas” and a “Healthy and Happy New Year”!

#### Calendar:

**January** - We do not meet for lunch. Because of Covid-19, and the buffet where we usually have our February luncheon, it was decided that we will be also skipping February. The other 10 months in 2022, **all** luncheons will be held on the **first** Wednesday of the month.

**2022** - March thru August / Ohio Buckeye Newsletter will not be mailed until February. Because of the huge increase in pricing, restaurants do not know what their cost will be in 2022, so we are delaying scheduling by 2 months, hoping that will help.

### OREGON

	<p><b>OREGON DEW-ER'S</b>  Portland  Terry Hotchkin  17308 NE 27<sup>th</sup> Ave.  Ridgefield, WA 98642  (360) 946-4750  <a href="mailto:tthotchkin@gmail.com">tthotchkin@gmail.com</a></p>
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Our group has not yet been able to meet in person, since our meeting place has yet to re-open, and with the Omicron variant rearing its ugly head now, no telling when that might be. We continue in a holding pattern.

Once again, a little humor with a few tidbits of philosophy thrown in until I officially retire. Enjoy!

- ☺ I'm by myself 95% of the time so the only thing that anyone can truthfully say about me is that they haven't seen me in a while.
- ☺ I have it all together. I just can't find it.
- ☺ I don't care about Disney lying about my Prince Charming. I'm more upset about forest creatures and their unwillingness to clean my house.
- ☺ I before e: Except when your foreign neighbor

Keith received eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters!

- ☺ The neighbor kid asked me today, “Where is Walla Walla?” I told him somewhere between ting tang and bing bang!
- ☺ I hate having a messy house, not enough to actually clean it, but enough to give it a really disgusted stare from my seat on the couch.
- ☺ My only issue with Karma is how long it takes to be delivered.
- ☺ When people tell me “You’re going to regret that in the morning”, I sleep in until noon, because I’m a problem solver.
- ☺ The challenge of retirement is how to spend time without spending money.
- ☺ When your past calls, don’t answer. It has nothing new to say.
- ☺ Aging is tricky. It’s like you still feel young inside, but then every once in a while you catch a glimpse of yourself in the mirror and reality just smacks you in the face.
- ☺ I went for a jog, mopped the floors, cleaned the windows, did the ironing, vacuumed the carpets, polished the mantelpiece, washed the dishes ... then I woke up.
- ☺ If you see me taking to myself, just move along ... I’m self-employed. We’re having a staff meeting.
- ☺ Me: I did resistance training today. My trainer: No! Refusing to work out is not considered resistance training.
- ☺ My mind has apparently left on vacation without me!
- ☺ In my mind I am still 24, but my back is 56, my knee is 68, and my hip turns 75 next week.
- ☺ I just saw a chart on how much you should walk based on your height and weight. I’ll be back when I’ve finished my trip around the world!

#### Calendar:

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






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

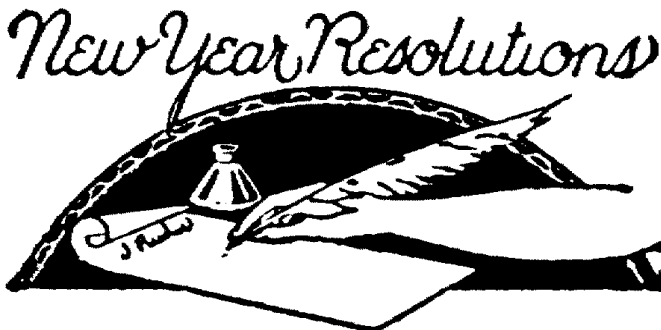
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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.

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




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RUAEA news from the Emerald City Slickers in Seattle has reached an impasse – there is none. There has been no communication of information concerning chapter plans. At this point, all we can do is wish each and every one of you a very ... Happy, Healthy New Year!

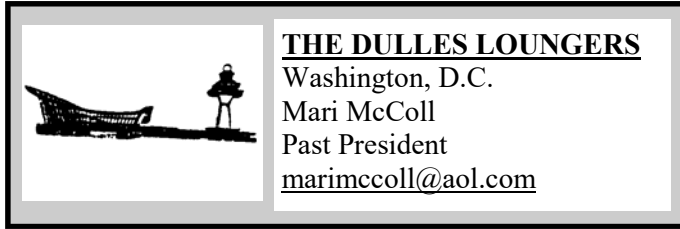


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The Lilac City Flyers in Spokane are no longer meeting on a regular basis. If you are a United or Continental retiree in the Spokane area or visiting in the area and want to meet other retirees, contact **Sharon Holmes** at the information above.



## WASHINGTON, D.C.



It is getting cold here in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Thanksgiving is over for another year and Christmas decorations are going up. Fall must be over. Slowly but surely, our members are getting brave enough to venture out and attend our luncheons. In December, we were up to 38 which included two very special guests: Cpl Nicole Wilson and Cpl Evelyn Alvarez. These two gracious Marines came to attend our luncheon and to collect our Toys For Tots. Our members were very generous, as usual, and brought in many toys that any child would love to receive. Some members chose to contribute cash and we raised almost \$900. This included \$23, which was the chapter's half of the 50/50. The other half was won by **Helen Stidham**, the wife of **Sim Stidham**, DCAFO. The Marines lunch was paid for by **Dutch & Kerrie Schneider** and they were each given a small Christmas snow globe by our chapter. Thanks go out to Kerrie & Dutch for being our liaison between our group and the Dept. of the Marines in charge of the Toys For Tots program.

Whenever possible, we have our monthly meetings at the Golden Corral. During Covid, we, like so many others, did not hold or attend gatherings for months on end. When it seemed a bit safer because our members were all receiving our vaccinations, we became creative and had outdoor picnics, first at a brewery in Manassas

and then for the entire summer at a public park in Manassas. We have now (for the last 3 months) returned to the new and improved GC. They have gone to great lengths to make their restaurant clean and safe. It is a buffet, but the foods are, of course, behind Plexiglas shields. Disposable gloves are conveniently displayed at each station. Each employee and each guest must wear gloves when serving food. Most of us were very comfortable with this set-up.

There were 3 door prizes, Thanksgiving centerpieces, won by **Linda Scriven**, **Bob O'Roark** and **Gale Heuser**. Congratulations to them.

The celebrated birthdays in November: **Ruth Blackwell**, **Jack Bowers**, **Nancy Fisher-Byerly**, **James Foster**, **Hank Heuser**, **Bob O'Roark**, **Chuck Schroeder**, **Corinne Trawick**, **Homer Warner**, **Phyllis Wlotzko** and **Sharon Wright**.

**EK Williams** attended our November luncheon but his bride, **Betty**, was not feeling well. Get well, Betty, we miss you. Unfortunately, **Mike O'Meara** was also ill and not up to the drive from Richmond, VA, so neither he nor **Faye** were able to attend. They also were missed.

Our birthday celebrants in December are as follows: **Mari McColl** (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Nora DiFelice** (10<sup>th</sup>), **Dick Dillon** (12<sup>th</sup>), **Judy Eary** (20<sup>th</sup>), **Natalie DaCunto** (25<sup>th</sup>), **Joan Hopkins** (25<sup>th</sup>), **John Lyon** (28<sup>th</sup>), and **Arnold Fleek** (30<sup>th</sup>).

A small reminder: Treasurer **Judy Dunlap** will begin accepting dues of \$15 as of the beginning of January. We are inviting back all old members and inviting new ones to join us. We are looking forward to a new year and pray that it will be a happy and healthy one.

Also, I would like to thank **Gunn Chensinski**, SFORR, for passing out the tickets for the door prizes and for helping Judy count and sort the money from our



other drawing. **Helen Stidman** also receives thanks for helping with the tickets for the 50/50. Hmmmm, Helen won the 50/50. Just a coincidence, I'm sure, LOL.

The previous page contains a photo of our November gathering. The picture was taken by our server, Wendy. Our next luncheon will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral in Manassas. 11:30 is the usual arrival time, with updated news at noon. There will be door prizes and another 50/50. The chapter's half of the 50/50 will be given to Wendy, our wonderful server, along with her usual tips. There will be caroling and other Christmas festivities. We hope you will all join us. We are without a current President and any member that misses this luncheon is in danger of being voted into that office in their absence. We are looking for volunteers to step up to the plate, but just in case we get no volunteers, be sure to attend all functions.

Happy holidays to all. May the entire season be blessed!

### NATIONAL



#### CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

May I be the first to wish you all a very Happy New Year! I hope all those New Year Resolutions you made, you are trying to keep. The holidays are over and I am sure all of the decorations are boxed and put away ready for next holiday season. We now have to get ready for the long cold winter months that are a head of us. I know I am, as I am heading to Florida to escape some of the cold, and be with my family. January seems like such a long month after all the holiday celebrations.

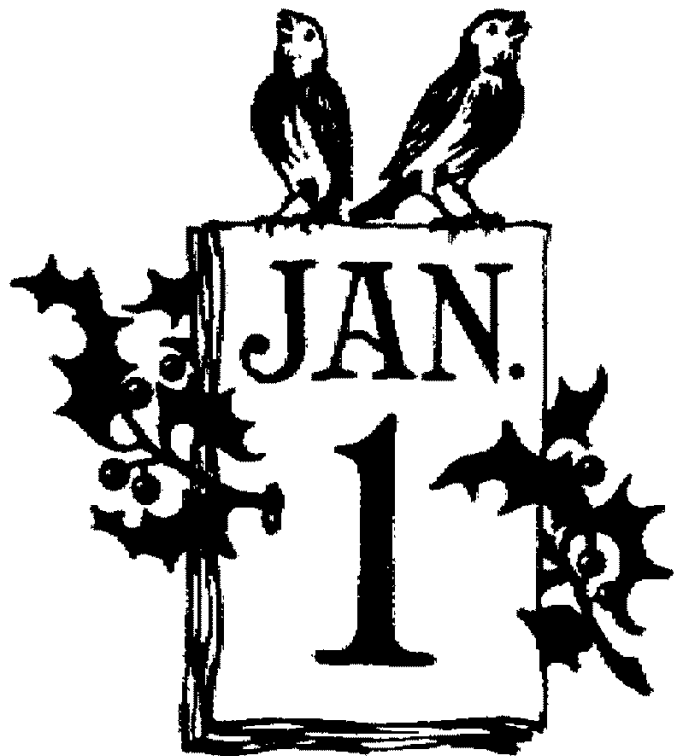
January 17<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed.

More and more of our Chapters are meeting in person. Everyone is very excited! We still have Zoom meetings, and more of you should take advantage of this. You will learn a lot and you are able to connect with friends and flying partners. They really are fun.

Clipped Wings would also like to thank **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** for the last 11 years they have worked on the RUAEA newsletter. We wish them all the best in their retirement. Their contributions to the newsletter were very important. They were always available to help whenever you asked for assistance. They will surely be missed.

Our membership is 716 paid members with 112 new members.

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



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## NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **November 2021**:

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Medolla, John, LGAMM, 1429 SW Seahawk Way, Palm City, FL 34990  
Melvin, Judith, PHLCS, 531 Warren Blvd., Broomall, PA 19008■

# Welcome!

## CONTRIBUTIONS

The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **November 2021**:

Shirley R. Alexander, Marlene E. Anderson, Kenneth Bader, Sina H. Beck, James Bicknase, Daniel Bolan, Robert Bowen, Marcia K. Brett, Nina Cassano, Kathleen Connelly, Vicki G. Daurora, Norman E. Davis, Your Cause Donation, Robert E. Duensing, Kathleen Edwards, Maura Fallon, Marilyn Farmer, Marilyn Fry, Jim Geddes, Virgil L. Gooselaw, Paul L. Grossman, William J. Grubb, Marilynn J. Harmon, Harold W. Hedrick, Tom Heller, Mary C. Hill, Shirley A. House, Darlene Ikeya, Robert G. Kaczor, Margarete Keil, John A. Kozlik, Fred E. Kremerskotter, Marjorie A. Kum, Gus Harrison London, Art Martin, Joseph McGhee, Kay E. O'Brien, Patricia Ortega, Jeffrey P. Poulson, Jerry L. Scarboro, Franz Sonnberger, David Sullivan, David Thompson, Patricia Tremont, Harold P. Turney, Joan J. Velotta, Richard S. Walcha, Janet G. Weith, Charles R. Williams.■

## OBITUARIES

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

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- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

In addition, contact information must be included for one sending the information. If the obituary is received hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaea@qwestoffice.net), or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

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Retiree – **Brown, James A.**, on 11/13/2021, ORDMM, husband of Elaine Brown (deceased), 2601 N. John B. Dennis Hwy., Kingsport, TN 37660

Spouse – **Burke, LaVern M.**, on 10/5/2021, wife of Jerry Burke, SMFOZ (deceased), 16197 Emerald Point Dr., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

Spouse – **Manley, William E.**, on 11/14/2021, husband of Jone Angell-Manley, LAXSW, 6330 Barberry Hill Place, Gainesville, GA 30506

Retiree – **Phelps, Kevin Lander**, on 11/20/2021, ORDMM husband of Cynthia Lee Phelps, 727 Westfield Dr., St Charles, IL 60174

Retiree – **Redfern, William T.**, on 8/30/2021, PITGQ, husband of Ruth Redfern, 207 Clubside Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108■



## Letters & Notes



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

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

Marlene Anderson, Sina Beck, Sandra DeGarceau, Josie Esqueda, Marilyn Evans, Pearl Fugstad, William Hamilton, Arnold Hanson, Marilyn Harmon, Joseph Hopkins, Shirley House, Collette Jackson, Norm Jukes, Robert Kaczor, Diana Kaiser, Paula Kielas, Lee Lack, Rita Lichtenberg, Robert Lindberg, Terri Martin, June McManus, James Malloy, Marianito Morales, Celena Nash, Howard Nelson, Kay O'Brien, Myriam Tashima, Kenneth Paulson, Patricia Tremont, Margaret Welch, Ric Walcha.

### **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.)*

### **Shirley Dochoff, 148 N. Richard Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126**

Mahalo for all your efforts and dedication on the newsletter.

I thank God every day for my UAL trips. One was a turn around to AMS to buy chocolate; another was a day trip to BOS to buy live lobsters for my neighbors. Those were wonderful memories.



### **Darlene Ikeya, 925 Carson Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94086**

Greetings RUAEA Membership Team.

Time for the annual dues payment! My check is enclosed including a small donation for whatever purpose needed.

I look forward to getting the Newsletter every month to look for familiar names from the chapters across the country.

I appreciate the efforts of each chapter correspondent who compiles information about their chapters.

I also like the stories, jokes and added tidbits of information that are each unique in their own way.

Thanks also to the RUAEA organization members who put this all together.

### **Donna Klobe, 4058 Alla Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90066**

Thank you so much for the many years you've received our letters with our dues for the wonderful Newsletter.

I still have many memories that remain with me for the many years that I spent at United. These memories keep rolling back every time I read the RUAEA newsletter. Luckily, I get to see many of these long time friends at our conventions.

My thanks to all of these special people.

I even made the front page of the newsletter, many thanks.

### **John Kozlik, 1820 Locust St., Des Plaines, IL 60018**

Hello from the Chicago Skyliners.

Our correspondent, **Jan Gawenda**, does an excellent job keeping us all informed, locally and system wide.

Thank you to **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** and your great crew for putting it all together in our great Newsletter.

I wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season, and God's Love and Blessing to all in our airline family.

### **G.H. London, 1705 Rogers Dr., Tupelo, MS 38804**

I just celebrated my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in September.

So far my wife and I are still avoiding assisted living. We are in our home and doing well.

Keep up the good work!

### **John Woytovick, 718 N. Russell, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056**

Hi to all:

Enclosed are my dues for another year. They come and go so fast I can't keep up with them.

I have been retired for 27 years from UAL; I had a lot of great friends and great times while working.

Keep up the great work on the Newsletter, I enjoy it very much.

## Notes

### Nancy A Chaves

I am a returning member after moving from Seattle to Palm Desert.

### Paul T. Pfisterer

I retired in 1997, then started a 2<sup>nd</sup> career as a school bus driver & retired again after 21 fun filled years. My career with UAL has allowed me to retire in comfort & I am thankful for those that put out the newsletter every month. Stay Well

### Sarah R. Harris

Thanks to all of the volunteers who keep the organization running smoothly.

### Barbara L. Wesemann

I flew to Sacramento to visit my sister on April 30 for her May 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday and to await for her surgery, but I spent 2 weeks helping her with yard work; then again as she was scheduled for aorta aneurism repair surgery on August 5. I flew the discounted rate with reservations.

Surgery went fine.

### Mark A Albosta

I enjoy my retirement from United since July 2005, and fully retired since September 2015.

### Janet G. Weith

I retired from CS in 2002.

RUAEA is an amazing resource for retirees, on so many levels. Many thanks to all involved.

### Joan J. Velotta

I went to check my reservation for November 22 and it says I don't have a reservation! I did pay for it, so what happened? It's enough to make me cry! So, I have to call the help line to find out what happened. Thank you for printing phone numbers that hopefully will help.

### Margarete Keil

So sorry I missed a deadline!■

*We appreciate  
your letters.  
Please keep them  
coming!*

# The Contact Column



*Updated 11/2021*

### United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)

1-800-651-1007 (M-F 7AM - 7PM).

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

### United Employee Service Center

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

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

### United Pass Line (1-866-359-3727)

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

### Employee Travel Center

- ♦ Visit Flying Together for travel policies at <https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retiree>
- ♦ Submit questions using Help Hub at <https://helphub.ual.com>
- ♦ Search “Employee Travel Inquiry”
- ♦ Chat with a team member using a virtual chat assistant from any Travel page on Flying Together

### United Airlines Technical Service Desk

**1-800-255-5801**

For Flying Together password assistance

*\*Do not use for pass travel questions\**

### Insurance Questions-see number on back of your insurance card

**PBGC** - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

### Social Security Administration

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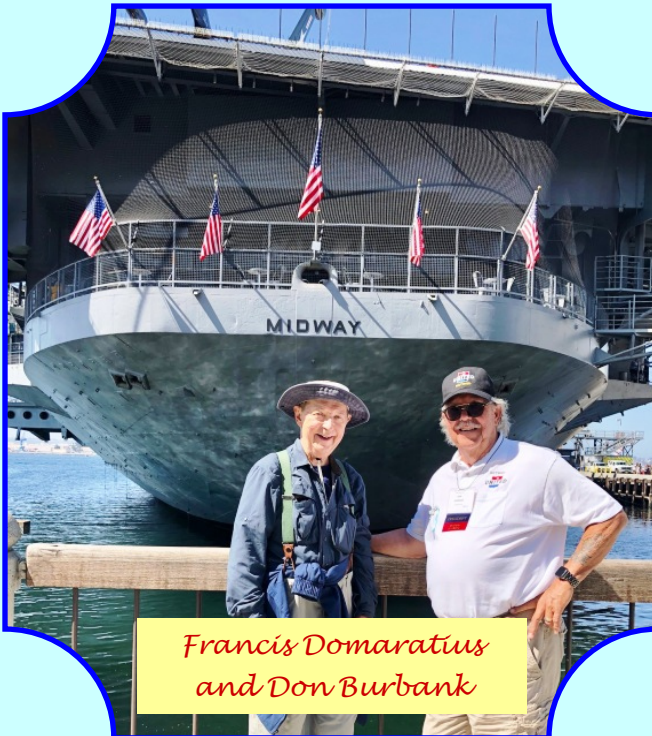
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