



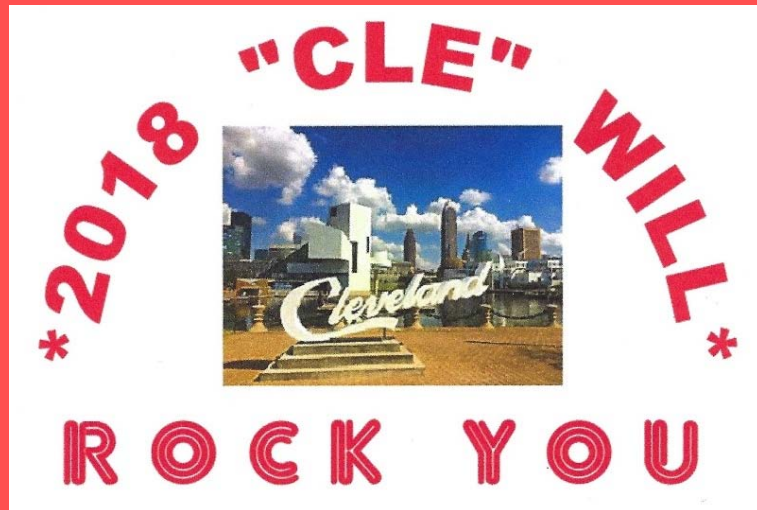
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RUAEA
2018 Convention
September 18 - 22
Cleveland Airport
Marriott Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

The Best Location In The Nation And The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter Welcomes You To CLE.
The 2018 convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio September 18 - September 22. For those of you who are not current Buckeyes or former CLE folks, we have a treat in store for you when you join us for our first RUAEA Convention.

We are the home of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and the NASA Space Technology display located in the Great Lakes Science Center, where John Glenn's Friendship Seven Spaceship is located. Cleveland is also the site of the original Christmas Story House from the movie "A Christmas Story". The original opening scenes were filmed here in CLE in the downtown Terminal Tower Bldg. We are also home to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Our city has a multitude of other sights to offer and entertainment of all kinds, including the Nautica Queen cruise for an afternoon of dining, dancing and sightseeing. The Hard Rock Rocksino has celebrity entertainment available and gaming for those of you who enjoy taking a chance on the roll of the dice. Our many wineries have won gold medals year after year and our prize winning restaurants are favorites of the late James Beard reviews. He was a chef, writer, biographer, and the first to demonstrate network TV cooking.

We look forward to meeting and greeting you at our first RUAEA Convention and we promise you will not be disappointed, for there are old friends to greet and new friends to meet.

You will be staying at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel, a five mile shuttle ride from the airport, located at W. 150th Street. Most of the activities will be located in the Rockefeller Room, aptly named after J.D. himself, a Cleveland native.

So come see our city, we know you will have a great time.

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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter From The President



Virgil Gooselaw

Hello from the Mile High City (Denver, Colorado). I want to express my appreciation to our RUAEA Membership for the kind comments that come to the Denver Office. Your friendly communications go a long way with our volunteers. It is greatly appreciated!

In January, I traveled to Cleveland, OH and met with some

members of the local RUAEA Chapter, the Ohio Buckeyes. These folks with the guidance of **Ron Bertacini** from the Site Selection Committee and **Bill Corbett**, our Vice President of Conventions, are doing a great job in the planning of the upcoming convention.

Then we had our RUAEA Spring Board of Directors Meeting during the last week of February, also in Cleveland and at The Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel where we will have the 2018 Convention September 18 - 22. This is a very nice hotel with reasonable prices and I think you will like it. The Ohio Buckeyes, (RUAEA local Chapter) are doing a great job of bringing the plans together. **Dolly Taucher** (President) and **Barbara Vauls** (Vice President) have taken the lead and the chapter is united as a **Team** in its efforts to host the 2018 Convention. Big **Thanks** to all concerned! The Convention theme chosen by the committee is "CLE will Rock You". Stay tuned for Convention information that will be coming out in a later Newsletter.

In the Spring Board Meeting, we also discussed the state of RUAEA and the difficulties of getting volunteers and that some adjustments need to be made with the Board of Directors. It was decided that we may have to settle for a reduced number of Directors when attrition takes its toll and that in reality, the number of Directors do not coincide with the size of the membership. So it will work itself out and areas of responsibility adjusted to fit our needs. We did make an addition to fill an area we felt was lacking, "communications" - in essence, the Social Media. **Claudia Blancett**, who was in the past the South California Region Director, but for personal reasons had to resign a few years ago, has agreed to come back into the organization as the "Communication Liaison". This is a new position, but it is felt because of the cultural shift to the social media, we needed to become more involved. Claudia has experience in this area and she will be an asset. We appreciate her for stepping up; being willing to work with RUAEA again. **Hank Gosselin**, our Past President and

Chair of the Nominating Committee will have more to say about this in a future Newsletter.

United seems to be doing well in the market place and as long as the Officers consider the employees in the decision making process when policy needs to be adjusted, things will probably continue to be good. I specifically have in mind the recent bump in the road concerning the Quarterly Incentive Program for the active employees. The company has put the change on hold and plans to get employee feedback. My feeling regarding things like this is: "If it isn't broke don't fix it".

Until next month, regards.

Virgil Gooselaw
RUAEA President

From Hank Gosselin, Past President



Hank Gosselin

Social Media is not a new term to most. Even some of us old people use it. Communication by Social Media seems to be the way most people communicate today. With that said, RUAEA does not use it, at least not in any formal way. We have a website, and Newsletter, and both are very important to our members today.

But we have to attract new members now. The Board of RUAEA voted to establish the Social Media type of communication through a Communication Liaison position within RUAEA. That position will use Social Media at their disposal to communicate with all members, new members, prospective members and other groups to gain alliance and new members. **Virgil Gooselaw**, our president has appointed **Claudia Blancett** to that position. She has excellent knowledge of communication from working for UAL. We do not plan to do away with our website or Newsletter. We are asking her to make better use of our Facebook page, which is underused at this point. I'm sure most are not aware it exists. Claudia will be establishing this position as it did not exist prior to her appointment. I personally wish her well and I'm sure she will be open to suggestions.

Hopefully her work will lead to **growth** which we need at this point to survive.

Hank Gosselin

A Message From the Denver Office

Please help us maintain the accuracy of our membership database. If your contact information has changed, for example, your address, zip code, phone number, email address; please contact the Denver office with the

changes. Our preferred method of contact is by email (ruaea@qwestoffice.net). But you may also contact us by phone at (303) 780-5022 or by USPS mail at 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207 – 2433.

Whenever you contact us, be sure to give us your **name, file number, telephone number. If you leave a voicemail please remember to speak slowly and clearly.**

Thank you for your assistance. This will make it easier for us to help you.

Denver Office Now Has Phone Service

The RUAEA Denver office is still in the pod but phone service has been restored! Members can once again call the secretary. Remember, the secretaries are volunteers and not available every day. Voicemail is now available. Speak slowly and clearly and leave your name, file number, telephone number and message. The number is the same (303)780-5022.

Help stop a tax increase for our customers



As you may have heard, Congress is proposing to significantly increase the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) that United's customers pay every time they buy a ticket. United needs your help to prevent that from happening. Government-mandated taxes on airline tickets are already high, and the proposed increase would cost passengers an additional \$800 million annually. In addition, United knows that every dollar increase in the PFC has a corresponding decrease in the demand for air travel.

So why is the proposal even on the table? The airports want more money to make improvements. But what they're not saying is that they already have nearly \$15 billion in cash on hand. It's the most they've ever had. They're also failing to mention that over the past decade, airlines have already partnered with airports and contributed significantly toward modernizing airport facilities.

United thinks this is an example of the government trying to treat United's customers like piggy banks. And if we don't speak up and oppose this tax hike, they will only come back and ask for more and more from United's customers in the future. Your voice can make a difference in fostering a more successful future for UA. United hopes you will take a few seconds to visit www.stopairtaxnow.com and click "Take Action" to send your Members of Congress a message.



Where Are United Retirees?

According to our records, United Retirees can be found in all 50 of the United States, Washington DC, and in Canada, Japan and the West Indies. The main purpose of RUAEA is to keep retirees in touch with each other, to enable them to meet retirees in their area and to keep retirees informed of United activities. We are aware some members don't know where retirees live, where chapters are located or who to contact with questions. So, we are listing the states where we have members receiving the paper newsletter and the chapters located in each. (The count is approximate, does not include the members who receive the online version and is always changing as members move). Some states have members but no chapters. RUAEA has Regional Directors assigned to every state who are happy to hear from you and will assist you in contacting retirees near you. Pick a time and a place for breakfast, lunch or just getting together and we can put a notice in the General News of this newsletter so retirees can contact you. Please look for your area and contact your Regional Director, RUAEA officers or the RUAEA newsletter with any questions.

1. Alabama - 12 members - *Sweet Home Alabama* (Birmingham), *Gulf Coast* (Mobile, Alabama & Pensacola, Florida), contact - **Ray Jensen** - (239) 634-2054
2. Alaska – 2 members – no local chapters, contact - **Tom Cunningham** - (925) 846-8123
3. Arkansas – 10 members - no local chapter, contact **Ray Jensen** - (239) 634-2054
4. Arizona –163 members - *Phoenix Azures*, *Re-Uniteds*, (Phoenix Metro), *Tall Pines*, (Prescott), *Tucson Roadrunners*, contact **Chuck Cole** - (206) 919-2020
5. California - 1,016 members
 - ➔ *East Bay Diablos* (Concord), *SFO Golden Gaters* (San Francisco), *SFO/SJC Southbay* (San Jose), *Redwood Empire Retirees* (Santa Rosa), contact **Roger Casterline** - (650)369-2456
 - ➔ *North Staters* (Chico, Redbluff, Redding), *Solano Flyers* (Fairfield, Vacaville), *San Joaquiners* (Modesto, Sonoma), *Hangtown Miners* (Placerville), *Gold Diggers* (Sacramento area), contact **Sonda Sandstedt** - (530) 210-5644
 - ➔ *Re-Lax-ers* (Los Angeles), *Desert Sunbirds* (Palm Springs), *Central Coasters* (Pismo Beach), *Re-Sans* (San Diego), contact **Rosalie Tripicchio** - (619) 368-4106
6. Colorado - 325 members - *Denver Mile Highers*, contact **Sharon Burbank** - (571) 330-7815
7. Connecticut - 5 members - *Nor'Easters* (Boston), contact - **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
8. Delaware – 5 members – no chapter, contact - **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066

9. District of Columbia – 2 members – *Dulles Loungers*, contact - **Linda Scriven** - (703) 729-8616
10. Florida – 257 members - *Sand Dabs* (Daytona Beach), *Pelican Drop-Ins* (Fort Meyers), *Real McCoys* (Orlando), *Sand Dollars* (Sarasota), *Treasure Coast* (Stuart), *Tampa Bay*, *Citrus Groupers* (The Villages), contact **Ray Jensen** - (239) 634-2054
11. Georgia – 43 members - *Dixie Flyers* (Atlanta) contact **Linda Scriven** - (703) 729-8616
12. Hawaii – 71 members - *Honolulu Menehunes* (Oahu), *Pau Hana Kupuna* (Hawaii), contact **Roger Casterline** - (650) 369-2456
13. Idaho – 20 members - *Boise Gems*, contact - **Tom Cunningham** - (925) 846-8123
14. Illinois – 589 members - *Chicago Skyliners*, contact - **Jackie Monilaw** –(224) 628-4000
15. Indiana – 45 members - *Indy Racers* (Indianapolis), contact **Jackie Monilaw** –(224) 628-4000
16. Iowa – 18 members – no chapter, contact - **Jackie Monilaw** –(224) 628-4000
17. Kansas – 9 members – no chapter, contact - **Sharon Burbank** -(571) 330-7815
18. Kentucky – 4 members – no chapter, contact - **Jackie Monilaw** – (224) 628-4000
19. Louisiana – 2 members – no chapter, contact - **Ray Jensen** - (239) 634-2054
20. Maine – 2 members – no chapter, contact - **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
21. Maryland – 25 members - *BWI Breakfast Club* (Baltimore), *Dulles Loungers*, contact **Linda Scriven** - (703) 729-8616
22. Massachusetts – 23 members - *Nor'Easters* (Boston), contact **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
23. Michigan – 47 members - *Great Lakes Escapees*, *Northwoods Loonies*, contact **Jackie Monilaw** – (224) 628-4000
24. Minnesota – 29 members - *Northern Lites* (Minneapolis), contact **Jackie Monilaw** – (224) 628-4000
25. Mississippi – 3 members – no chapter, contact - **Ray Jensen** - (239) 634-2054
26. Missouri – 7 members - no chapter, contact - **Jackie Monilaw** – (224) 628-4000
27. Montana – 5 members – no chapter, contact - **Tom Cunningham** - (925) 846-8123
28. Nebraska -14 members - *Omaha Golden Ears*, contact - **Sharon Burbank** - (571) 330-7815
29. Nevada – 88 members - *Las Vegas Silverliners*, contact - **Sharon Burbank** -(571) 330-7815, *Sierra Roundup* (Reno), contact **Sonda Sandstedt** - (530) 210-5644
30. New Hampshire – 6 members - *Nor'Easters* (Boston), contact – **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
31. New Jersey – 77 members - *The Garden Staters*, contact **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
32. New Mexico – 10 members – no chapters, contact - **Chuck Cole** - (206) 919-2020
33. New York – 85 members - *Buffalo Chips*, *New York Metros* (Long Island), *Guys and Dolls* (New York City), contact **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
34. North Carolina – 39 members – no chapter, contact **Linda Scriven** - (703) 729-8616
35. North Dakota – 2 members, no chapter, contact **Sharon Burbank** - (571) 330-7815
36. Ohio – 95 members - *Ohio Buckeyes*, (Cleveland), contact **Jackie Monilaw** – (224) 628-4000
37. Oklahoma - 9 members – no chapter, contact – **Chuck Cole** - (206) 919-2020
38. Oregon – 75 members - *OUR Club* (Grants Pass/Southern Oregon), *Oregon Dew-ers* (Portland), contact **Tom Cunningham** - (925) 846-8123
39. Pennsylvania – 86 members - *The Independents* (Philadelphia), *Pit-Stoppers* (Pittsburgh), contact **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
40. Rhode Island – 1 member – no chapter, contact **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
41. South Carolina – 25 members – no chapter, contact - **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
42. South Dakota – 2 members – no chapter, contact - **Sharon Burbank** - (571) 330-7815
43. Tennessee – 45 members - *Rocky Tops*, contact - **Linda Scriven** - (703) 729-8616
44. Texas – 48 members – no chapter, contact - **Chuck Cole** - (206) 919-2020
45. Utah – 13 members – no chapter, contact - **Sharon Burbank** – (571) 330-7815
46. Vermont – 4 members – no chapter, contact - **Norma Betters** - (781) 631-7066
47. Virginia – 120 members - *Dulles Loungers*, contact - **Linda Scriven** - (703) 729-8616
48. Washington WA – 147 members - *Emerald City Slickers* (Seattle), *Lilac City Flyers* (Spokane), contact - **Tom Cunningham** - (925) 846-8123
49. West Virginia – 10 members – no chapter, contact - **Linda Scriven** - (703) 729-8616
50. Wisconsin – 41 members - *Northwoods Loonies*, contact - **Jackie Monilaw** – (224) 628-4000
51. Wyoming – 2 members – no chapter, contact - **Sharon Burbank** - (571) 330-7815
52. Canada – 2 members
53. Japan – 2 members
54. West Indies – 1 member



First Boeing 737 MAX 9 scheduled to enter service



UA expects to put UA's first Boeing 737 MAX 9 into service on June 7 out of IAH. The new aircraft will operate on routes between IAH and five U.S. cities.

Later that month, UA plans to introduce additional MAX 9 service on routes out of LAX, including LAX-HNL (Honolulu). The 737 MAX 9 features the patented Boeing Sky Interior, with larger overhead bins, LED lighting and sculpted sidewalls, among other enhancements designed to add to United customers' overall comfort. The MAX 9 also offers longer, more fuel-efficient range and a quieter ride than the current 737-900 model. *"The addition of the MAX 9 furthers United's efforts to become a more efficient and productive airline,"* said EVP and CFO Andrew Levy. *"It has better fuel efficiency, lower maintenance costs and does all of this while maximizing customer comfort."*

This year, UA will take delivery of 10 new MAX 9 aircraft, putting them into scheduled service as they arrive after post-delivery modifications by the Tech Ops team. Seats on the MAX 9 are now available for purchase on the following routes:

- IAH to ANC (Anchorage, Alaska) beginning June 7
- IAH to AUS (Austin, Texas) beginning June 7
- IAH to FLL (Ft. Lauderdale, Florida) beginning June 7
- IAH to MCO (Orlando, Florida) beginning June 7
- IAH to SAN (San Diego) beginning June 7
- IAH to LAX beginning June 29
- IAH to SMF (Sacramento, California) beginning June 29
- IAH to TPA (Tampa, Florida) beginning June 29
- LAX to HNL beginning June 29
- LAX to IAH beginning June 29

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

Wonderful varieties of apples will soon be in the market so I thought you might enjoy a simple apple recipe.

If you want to go "the extra mile", I have included a vanilla sauce to make your dessert even more special.

Hope you enjoy this simple, but delicious recipe.

Apple Dumplings:

- 1 can refrigerated biscuits
- Granny Smith apples (or use your apple of choice)
- ¾ cup water
- 2/3 cup sugar
- ½ stick butter

Roll out biscuit to approximately 4-5 inch circle. Peel and core apple. Cut in half or quarter to fit on biscuit. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar mixture. Pull four corners up to top and twist. Boil water and sugar until it thickens a little. Add butter. Put apples in casserole dish and pour sugar mixture over biscuits. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes. You may make 1-8! The dumplings may be served warm with ice cream or vanilla sauce.

Vanilla Sauce:

1¼ cup sugar

4 Tablespoon flour

Mix and add 2 cups hot water. Cook over a low flame until thick. Remove from fire.

Add 2 Tablespoon butter and 1½ teaspoon vanilla



Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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

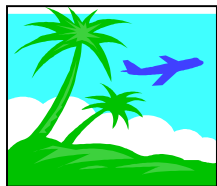
Newsletter articles may be sent by e-mail to Francis Domaratius at ruaenewsletter@surewest.net and John Chu at johnqchu@hotmail.com. If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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Renewed association with our retired United Airlines coworkers was carried out, over a fine luncheon and conversation. We met again at our old standby, the Naval Aviation Museum, Cubi Point Cafe, aboard NAS Pensacola, FL.

We missed **Ray & Mai Owens**, attending a funeral of a friend. The absence of **Rich & Maureen Hurst**, along with **Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl**, was duly noted.

Those having the most fun were, **Jessie Arnold**, **George & Desneige Atteberry**, **Bill & Ann Delavan**, **Bob & Carol Dorsey** (Welcome back!), **John & Myrl Eisinger**, **Conrad Hamilton**, **Bill Hayden**, **Chuck & Georgene Krewer**, **Kim Ray**, **Barbara Serra**, **Ed Southworth**, **Harold Stofko**, and **Rita Toucher** (also a Welcome Back!).

Bob Dorsey engaged the group with great information on the Benefits of the VA, for all the "Old Warriors". If you think you could use these benefits based on your service, please check it out.

The Charity Raffle was won by **John Eisinger**, which was subject of many challenges, based on his close association with the chapter secretary, **Myrl** (*could be collusion*). **George Atteberry** won 4 cookies, and ate every one of them, to the consternation of the spouse and others.

Mark your calendar for March 12, and come out early to tour the Museum before our meeting. As you enter, a young Marine or Naval Officer in the Flight Program will put a RED mark on your hand, (the only fee for entry to an outstanding place.) Gives one a sense of pride in our young Americans.

SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter met on Monday, February 12 at the Grill 29 at Brookwood Plaza in Homewood. Those attending were **Donna Gooch**, **Bobby & Jean**

Cox, Herb & Carol Wilbanks, **Joe & Jane Jones**, and **Ken & Beverly Yeager**.

Treasurer **Ken Yeager** reported our bank balance and a \$200 donation to Ronald McDonald House.

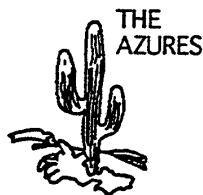
Birthday greetings to **Bill Glenn** (10th), **Beverly Yeager** (13th), and **Ken Yeager** (22nd).

We send best wishes to all our members that are unable to attend due to illness, and especially to **Joe Duncan** who has been a bit under the weather for several weeks. Hope to see all of you back soon!

Donna Gooch was our lucky 50/50 winner.

We meet every even numbered month at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants and welcome all retired United Airlines friends and families to join us. Our next meeting will be April 9th but to confirm, please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX AZURES

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Hello from Arizona!

Happy Birthday to **Marge Hinnners** (4/15), **Don Bergstrom** (4/21), and **Ziggy Butkiewicz** (4/30).

Happy Anniversary to **Gail & Warren Allen** (4/22), **Daphne & Chuck Reynolds** (4/22), **Lynn & A. D. Cline, Jr.** (4/26), and **Laura & Jim Ehas** (4/28).

Our Monthly Luncheon ~ 30 People had lunch at Biscuits Cafe in Surprise on Friday, February 16th. The 50/50 winners were **Marge Mullman**, **Sherry Muoio** and our guest **Don Ingve**.

Breakfast Reminder: We have breakfast every other Wednesday at 8:30 at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City West and all are invited. The dates are April 4th & April 18th. The address is: 12535 W. Bell Rd., Surprise, AZ, (623) 974-8224. RSVP: Please call **Sherry Muoio** a day or so before you want to attend, (623) 572-4828, phx22@cox.net.

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Happy Easter to everyone! It's early this year, but we're fortunate here in Arizona to have warm, sunny weather, compared to some other states. This is the month we have our annual picnic, which brings to a close

any of our monthly luncheons we have until fall; except for our monthly breakfasts on the fourth Friday of each month at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, which start at 9:15 a.m.

This month, we are highlighting one of Re-United members, **Peg Snowdall**. She has been our Vice President for 10 years, and deserves to be recognized.

Peggy Welch Snowdall was born in 1937 in Downers Grove, Illinois. She graduated from High School in June 1955 and started working as a clerk for Prudential Insurance. She had a brother, who worked for United as an Aircraft Mechanic. He kept urging her to apply for a job at United. She did apply a little later and started working there in September 1957 in the Accounts Receivable Department at Midway. Later she spent 20 years working at EXO in Revenue Accounting, and ended up being the Lead over 5 clerks.

Soon afterward, Peg, started volunteering at Hines Veteran Hospital in Hines, IL. She was assigned to be a Hostess one night a week in the social room. This is where she met her first husband. They were married in June 1966. Her last name then changed to Homfeldt. He later died in 1971.

She was still working at United, and then in 1978-1998, she was a Passenger Reservation Agent in the Chicago Reservation Office. She went from booking domestic destinations to handling Travel Agency bookings, to world-wide reservations. During that time, she was trained on 4 different computer systems, countless fares with rules and restrictions, and made some wonderful friends that she worked with.

During her 40 years with United, she did a lot of traveling to some interesting countries using Interline fares. The company merged with 3 airlines and had 5 UA Presidents, while Peg worked for them.

Peg retired in 1997. She often visited her brothers, who lived in Arizona, and decided to move there herself. She sold her home in Illinois, and bought her present home in Mesa.

She joined the Re-United Chapter in 2003/04, and became Vice-President in 2008-2009, when **Jim Zarek** was the President, and **Bud Hubbard** was the Treasurer.

She later met **Phil Snowdall** in June 2009. They were married in March 2010. He later died in August 2013. She is grateful to United for hiring her and giving her many good memories from the various jobs she held and the people she worked with. She cherishes those memories also during her retirement years.

Peg has made a difference in our Re-United Chapter because of her dedication and willingness to do anything she can to help our chapter succeed. She's a great gal, and we're happy to highlight her this month.

Our February luncheon was held at Vitos Pizza & Italian Ristorante in Mesa. We had 29 people in attendance. We had 3 guests, **Pauline Monfoya**, who was the guest of **Ted Higley**, and **Florence & Dan Jensen**, who

were the guests of **Ted & Liz Tollefsen**. We always enjoy having guests attend. It was mentioned by our President, **Shirley Claggett**, that the Fantasy Flight may be in the Swift hanger this year. We all enjoyed the assorted Chicago style pizzas and the salad. Really good! Thanks **Donna Pedone**, for organizing this great luncheon!

Our Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner was attended by 23 people. **Pauline Monfoya** was again the guest of **Ted Higley**. **Shirley Claggett** presided at the meeting following the breakfast. She mentioned that air rates have gone up. United Airlines was involved with the Olympics, which was great! The Ohio Buckeyes have been busy arranging tours for the RUAEA Convention in September, which is being held at the Cleveland Airport Marriott. Their theme is "CLE will Rock You". They have selected a lot of tours that highlight the Cleveland area, which sound really great. We hope many of our members are planning on attending, should be a lot of fun! We heard that our member, **Larry Young**, recently ran in the Boston Marathon. Wow, good for you, Larry! Quite an accomplishment! I also heard on a different note that **Jennifer Strohmaier's** husband, **Chuck**, broke his ribs recently. Hope he feels better soon! We're still concerned about **Bill Eaton** and **Ginny Rockenhauser's** health, and hope they recover quickly. President **Shirley Claggett**, who recently had hip surgery, really bounced back quickly. She's not using any walker or anything else to get around. Can't keep a good woman down!

Our Annual Picnic is Thursday, April 5 at the Crescent Run Park in Mesa, hosted by Shirley & Ron. Look forward to seeing everyone there. The food is always great! We get our new Membership Directories at that time.

Dot Kuspis celebrates her "90th" Birthday on April 1! This year it's Easter and All Fools' Day too! Have a wonderful special Birthday, Dot! **Ron Paluch** also has a birthday April 1. He's no fool! Another member who has a special birthday is **Orland Baldwin**; he'll be 85 on April 20th. Wow! A lot of celebrating this month! The following members also have April Birthdays: **Lynn Hubbard** (4/12), **Chuck Strohmaier** (4/16), and **Duri Arquisch** (4/27). Happy Birthday to all the April Birthdays! We have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries this month; **Olga & Oscar Aguilar** (4/7/84) and **Shirley & Bill Eaton** (4/11/64). Congratulations to both couples!

In last's month's RUAEA Newsletter, I made a typographical error and stated that **Pinky & Gordy Kubiak's** Wedding Anniversary was on March 11, and it was 47 years for them. It should have read "57" years. Sorry, guys!

Calendar:

April 5 – Annual Picnic at the Crescent Run Park, 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, starting at 11:00 a.m., with lunch being served at noon. Please let Shirley & Ron

know if you will be attending, so they can let the caterer know how many to plan for. Call Shirley or Ron at (480) 354-7610. Shirley's e-mail address is indind75@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

April 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know if you will be attending at phomfeldt@cox.net, or by phone at (480) 396-3317, by April 25. Peg is the one to call each month if you plan on attending any breakfast.

May 25 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

June 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert



TALL PINES

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Greetings to all from the Tall Pines chapter in Prescott. We welcome two new members to our chapter, **Darrell Handley**, retired SFO and his wife, **Linda** have decided to make Prescott Arizona their new home. We elected to cancel our last chapter meeting due to the flu issue and some illness in our group. Our next get together will be April 17 at the Lone Spur Café at 11 AM.

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

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

We look forward to seeing you



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Our Chapter met at the Vineyard House in Santa Ynez on February 21st. It was hosted by **Esther & Bob Bartlett**. Attending were **Ken & Stella Bake, Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Bob & Maria Stanger, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Nina Powers, Joan Schaefer**, and **Al & Marilyn Rybar**.

Our Hosts, Esther & Bob, gave us a framed picture of each one of us as a place setting and also a bag of candy treats. Esther is quite the artist and manages to come up with some unique table treats for us. We can't thank them enough.

There wasn't much business to discuss. I brought up the fact that the Los Angeles Coliseum will now be called the "United Airlines and USC Coliseum". This stadium is used for the USC football games. The Coliseum was built in 1923 and is now in need of some large repair work.

I also mentioned that in one of the UAL Newsletters that our Regional Directors will not be taking trips to their Chapters, but will communicate by E-Mail. It was always a great time to meet them whenever they could attend our meetings. Those of us, who do most of our contacts using the computer, we can at least keep in touch.

The 50/50 was won by the **Zoldaks**.

We needed a host for our April 18th meeting. The **Stangers** have volunteered to do it and they are thinking of going to the Chumash Casino. We will wait and see if they are able to arrange it or some other place.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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Gay Traber hosted the Desert Sunbirds' February Luncheon. Twenty nine members and two guests met at the American Legion Hall in Palm Springs. **Fred Kellerhals** brought his new friend, **Jo Ann Rose**; **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan** brought a former Flight Attendant, **Rosemary Gill**. Might we have a new Desert Sunbird in our future?

Gay and Patti Sica reminded the group that dues are

due - \$10, and April 1st is the deadline to get your name on the 2018 Roster.

John & Maureen Schultz missed the Luncheon as both of them were having oral surgery. A different story with **Maureen Williams**, she was admitted to the Desert Regional Hospital on February 14th with a temperature of 103 - Pneumonia, dehydrated with a heart rate 140-149. But, as of March 4th, per her daughter, she is starting to beat this current illness. She is alert, actively engaged, and her appetite has returned. Hang in there, Maureen. All the Sunbirds are keeping you in their prayers.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Louie Horvath**, and **Brad Zittel** took home \$50 in the 50/50 drawing. Marji & I donated a bottle of wine and some chocolate cookies to the drawing, won by **Vivien Rotella** and **Carole Paquin** respectively.

Dick Hopkins - our featured Desert Sunbird this month: Dick grew up on Long Island, and graduated High School in 1954. That summer he worked as a Hod Carrier, and then started at Fordham University in January of 1955. He graduated Fordham in 1958 with a degree in Finance.

Dick relocated to Southern California, and within days, received an invitation to join the U.S. Army for 2 years. He served in peacetime Korea; thus was able to R&R in Japan and Hong Kong.

After discharge, Dick served as a Juvenile Probation Counselor in Los Angeles for a year, but found no future there. Thus began his United experience, as he was hired by United, at LAXTR.

In 1965, Dick met **Andy Vassios**, the Customer Service Manager of LAX at the time. Dick says that he was one of the finest gentlemen he encountered in his 34 year career. Andy nominated Dick for the 2-year Management Development Program.

Dick spent the next two years rotating through Customer Service Departments in LAX, LAS, PDX, DEN, and EXO. During his stay at EXO, he learned of a proposal to consolidate forms and procedures for Gate Agents. Then he learned that the Project was deposited in his lap.

The original assignment was for eight weeks - but was extended to six months. Dick was able to combine five forms into one. It was estimated the one year savings from the project paid for 5 Trainees in the Development Program. He also said it was probably the highlight of his career.

Dick spent the next three years as a Supervisor on the Ramp, as well as Passenger Service, and, as Dick says, *"So impressed his Superiors, that he was reduced to Senior Agent in 1970."*

Dick spent his final years in LAXCS handling supplies; ordering, staging, and distributing same; and collected 4 Awards of Merit; and, as he says, *"Hopefully amassed far more friends than enemies along the way."* He retired in 1996!

GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their Past Presidents' Day luncheon, hosted by **Ed** and **Rose Rheam** at Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-b-que on February 28.

President **Frank Dellinger** welcomed the past Presidents that were in attendance: **Ed Rheam**, **Terry Greenacre**, **Sonda Sandstedt**, **Jim Wagner**, **Ken Norton**, **Hank Wikstadt** and **Colleen Esola**.

Frank introduced guests **Roger & Maryann Burgess**, guests of **Ed & Rose Rheam**; **Shannon Gemmell**, guest of **Pat Quinn**; **Ellen Alexander**, guest of **Judie King** and **Jerry Ward**, guest of **Sonda Sandstedt**.

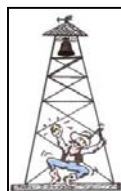
Vice President **Penny Greenacre** announced that our March 28th luncheon will be at Old Town Pizza and hosted by **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor**.

Marji Gabert-Milam acknowledged the February Anniversaries: **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (63 years), **Jack & Marge Raynor** (54 years), **Jack & Sidnee McKinney** (52 years), **Phil & Ann Frank** (66 years).

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

Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** provided information regarding the new Quarterly Tax policy for pass travel of Enrolled friends in addition to those taxed under IRS rules; Retiree parking in SFO MX Base; New policy regarding Emotional support animals and New "smart baggage" information. Sonda encouraged members to join RUAEA and access the website or newsletter to receive information on latest United news.

The luncheon meeting was adjourned at 2:10PM.



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Greetings to all of you!

This month we returned to a wonderful restaurant, Fernando's Costa Del Sol. **John Muir** made all the arrangements for us to enjoy a delicious meal of our choice, and have a great time visiting. 24 Miners and one guest were in attendance. Fernando's has a wide variety of Mexican dishes to choose from so many taste choices were met. Their portions are generous and several "take home" boxes were needed! Our president, **Bill Gibson**, extended our gratitude to John. We learned that **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** celebrate 63 years of marriage this month, **Bill & Pati Kenney** have 37 years together, **Joe**

& **Jeannette D'Amico** have shared 53 years and, even though they were not there, **Bob & Dorean Ames** get to claim 70 years of wedded bliss! **Geoff Ridsdale** acknowledged his February birthday. Moriah Weldy from El Dorado County Senior Services joined us today.

President ~ **Bill Gibson** got right down to "business". He received an email from a long time friend's wife letting him know that **Ken Kegel** had passed away February 3rd, Ken worked at UAL for many years and some of you may have known/worked with Ken at SFO. Bill also covered some airlines industry news.

Vice President ~ **Joe Lima** did not have a report this month, but he does get the credit for contacting El Dorado County Senior Services and setting up a visit from Moriah Weldy to talk about the programs offered by this department. Pay attention to New Business!

Treasurer ~ Our esteemed Treasurer **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today. 21 of our members have paid their annual dues – if you haven't sent Tom your dues yet, please take a moment and do so today. It is important to keep our membership information current. Last month, Bill mentioned that Tom likes to have a certain amount as a minimum in our account. **Bill Dinette** asked Tom why he wants to have \$500 available. Tom explained that he wants to be sure that we have enough on hand to cover our expenses. We have a policy that, if a (monthly) host would like to be reimbursed for (up to) \$25 for expenses, they can submit to Tom receipts verifying their expenses. We also subsidize our December luncheon. The American Veterans Hall charges a fee that was \$200 this year, and then we also pay for a portion of the cost of each member attending that luncheon. Our chapter gives a donation each year to a couple charities as well. With our membership fee of only \$10 and the monies brought in by our raffle, we want to be sure we can cover any expenditures that arise. The question was raised that maybe we might want to increase the annual membership dues, but that wasn't met with any positive comments!

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report, but, she did pass along the information that Miner member, **Nancy DeVore** was heading to South Korea to attend the Winter Olympics. Hopefully she had no trouble getting her flights and is having a great time there.

Jane also had a question – in January one of our member's wife asked me to send our minutes to her email account. Doing that is no problem, but, I neglected to get her email information and I don't remember who asked! Hey, I am living in a house that is undergoing a "remodel", I don't have a brain anymore! So, if one of you knows who would like the minutes, let me know or tell them to contact me by email.

Sunshine ~ This is such a good title for **Suzanne Kenny**! Suzanne heard from member **Liz Church**. Liz has had a tough time lately. She had a fall, spent 10 days

in the hospital, and is using a walker now. Liz, our good thoughts are going out to you, hang in there! We learned today that **Rosemary Heier** is also having a rough go at the moment. JR let us know that Rosemary had a bad reaction to a medication. He was taking her for an appointment that day so hopefully you're doing much better now, Rosemary.

Historian ~ **Thom Biro** has begun 2018 with a trip to Hawaii with Sherry. No doubt sipping Mai Tais as we enjoy Margaritas here!

Old Business ~ In January Bill brought up our annual donation(s) to local charities. We have been pleased to share our funds with organizations who support people in this area. At the last luncheon we discussed which organizations that we would like to send a donation. Given that we have annual dues coming in which is increasing our "bottom line", **Tom Kenny** motioned that we donate to two organizations this year and that we increase our donation to each one making it \$250 each. The two charities we will be supporting this year are El Dorado County Senior Legal Services and Wounded Warriors. **Joe Lima** seconded the motion, unanimous by show of hands. We were advised to specify in our letter to El Dorado County that we want the funds to go to Senior Legal Services. You may remember that last year the county was considering dropping SLS. Moriah (here to give us more info on programs offered by EDCSS) said that just as she was leaving to come to the restaurant she was informed that SLS will be funded for another year.

New Business ~ Bill introduced Moriah Weldy. Moriah works for El Dorado County Senior Services and brought several brochures and information sheets regarding various programs supported by them. I picked up one of each of the fliers and I am quite impressed with all the support programs for seniors in the area. I will have them with me at the meetings so if you wish to check them out, let me know. EDCSS covers a large area which pretty much lines up with South Tahoe and Placerville and helps 60+ people under the Older Americans Act. They have over 13 programs under their office. Their Senior Nutrition program provides meals, M – F (at two locations where you can come in and get a good meal, no required fee but a donation of \$3 is suggested) or you can have your meal delivered to your home. They have provided 150,000 meals! They are always looking for volunteer drivers to assist with this monumental task. It doesn't involved too much effort but it does give the person on the receiving end a person who they can talk to, even if briefly, and that person may be the only "human contact" they have had all day. If this is something you think you would like to take on, contact EDCSS. **John Muir** has been a driver for them and told us how rewarding a job it is.

They also have counseling, health education, nutrition, computer center, peer counseling, in-home supportive services, family caregiver support, and elder ID and

care trak – many more. One of their programs is called “YANA” - You Are Not Alone” where a person will receive a free daily telephone “check-in” and reassurance.

And there’s the fun trips they arrange. Three that are coming up are: Million Dollar Quartet at the Fallon House Theatre Sonora on Wed., April 11; The Haggin Museum Wed., Apr., 18; and The Romance of Italy, the Wine of Napa Castello di Amorosa, Tues., May 8.

For more information call: (530)621-6369 or (800) 510-2020 or go online at: www.edcgov.us/humanservices and see if there is something you could tap into, or help out with. Thank you, Moriah, for coming and giving us all this information.

Contributions ~ **Bill Dinette** wanted all of us to know that RUAEA is hosting their golf tournament May 7, 8, and 9 in Mesquite NV. The hotels are quite reasonable and nice. Retirees can bring a guest to play too.

Bill brought our meeting to a close. The March luncheon is hosted by **Kerry Kozelka** and **Ann Barton** and will be at BJ’s Restaurant and Brewery in Folsom on Monday, March 12. Once again, this will be a “fundraiser” but you do not have to bring along the flyer this time – the restaurant will give a percentage of our bill back to our organization.

Winner of the donator’s prize was **Irv Wolfram**. A huge thank to all who brought items to be raffled: **Ridsdale** – serving bowl; **Wolfram** – lawn decoration; **Kenney** – basket with meat sauce; **Muir** – slippers and table deco; **Dinette** – electric jar opener & wine; **Gibson** – heart candy; **Kozelka/Barton** – jade plant; **Kenny** – reed diffuser; **Akin** – candy; **Ouchi** – 4 small bowls.

REDWOOD EMPIRE

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Our Sonoma County UAL Retirees chapter met on February 8th at the La Gare Restaurant in Santa Rosa, our first luncheon/meeting since December 2017. It was decided at our last meeting to gather only every 2 months in 2018, due to a lower turnout throughout last year. The February luncheon was hosted by **Barney & Clare Hagen** and **Sam & Mickey Orchard**; they had the tables decorated in Valentine themed red hearts and streamers with chocolate hearts candies sprinkled around on the tables; also Impatiens plants for centerpieces. We enjoyed choices of Pork, Beef or grilled salmon entrées with a tasty creamy potato leek soup and spring salad with a light creamy dressing.

President **Larry Wilson** welcomed us all and thanked the Hagens and the Orchards for hosting the luncheon. He called on VP **Barbara Underhill** to read

off the names of guests. We had 28 members present and greeted **Ed Nelson**, guest of **Barney & Clare Hagen** (his wife **Maggie** was in the hospital with swallowing problems). We also welcomed visitors **Nancy Vejby**, a retired flight attendant with Air California and American Airlines; she brought with her two previous Airline employees, **Rainey Olson**, retired flight attendant from United and American Airlines; also **Pauline Goslovich**, who piloted 747s for Flying Tigers and Fed Ex. These ladies had heard about our airline retirees group and had a great time meeting and chatting with several of our members and seemed to feel comfortable with us.

RUAEA Western Regional Director **Roger Casterline** gave us an update on Pass Travel regulations: ID cards and limitations on pet travel with service animals that qualify. **Barney Hagen** spoke to us specifically about new regulations on ID cards (car licenses); we would need a birth certificate and a renewed CA ID license to get TSA clearance.

Next report was from our Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** on the state of our RER bank accounts; She said that we have over \$1500.00 total, and that we are just starting to build up our Charity balance after the December 2017 disbursement of over \$250.00.

Secretary **Mary Wilson** shared the birthday and anniversary lists for **Verda Burr** who was visiting at the coast. The months of January and February were both included: **Ted Bell**, **Pat Ortega**, **Pat Maus**, **Sheila Legnitto** and **Cindy Heroshima** for January; and **Don Davis**, **Ron Huhn**, **Madalyn Schmidt**, **Larry Wilson** and **Diana Quinn** for February. The free luncheon winners were **Pat Ortega** and **Ron Huhn**. The Anniversaries being celebrated were **Lou & Sheila Legnitto** (44 years), and **Jerry & Barbara Underhill** (also 44 years); **Inara & Heino Witt** celebrated 38 years in January.

Raffle tickets were read for the wines brought by the Underhills, See’s Candies, brought by the Huhns and the Impatiens plant centerpieces on the table, from our hosts. President **Larry Wilson** thanked us all for coming, and announced the next luncheon will be back at the LaGare on April 12th hosted by **Valerie Hulsey** and **Pat Ortega**. He told us to remember the Charity box on the way out! Have a nice couple of months ’til then.

A copy of the remaining luncheons and hosts for 2018 were handed out to all who wanted them. If you would like a copy, email me at marywilson333@sbcglobal.net.





RESANS

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It is travel time again: **Betty Tomaino** is cruising the Caribbean and **Rosalie Tripicchio** is travelling to China. Will have some stories to report when they return. Our Birthdays this month are **Al Soderberg** and **Ed Knight**. **Skip Householder** joined us after his bout with flu and double pneumonia. He looks good and for eighty six years old, he is definitely a survivor! There were sixteen in attendance at our monthly breakfast and **Robert Taylor** was the winner of the 50/50.

We announced the date for our Spring Fling Luncheon. It will be held on April 19th at the Tamale Factory in Old Town. Due to space limitations, the invitations are going out to paid members only. This is a very popular venue for our event and we are happy to be able to go there again this year.

A very special thank you to **Jackie Muller** for the yearly dues and an additional contribution to RESANS. Jackie lives in Texas and is unable to attend our breakfasts and lunch events but we remember and miss her and hope that someday she may come to visit us. We will look forward to the day when she may join us and seeing her with her smiling face walking through the door!

If your travel plans bring you to San Diego, we meet the first Thursday of every month and we would welcome your visit!

Calendar:

April 5 – Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106 -2394, (619) 226-0255.

GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina** welcomed everyone wishing them a Happy Chinese New Year, we are in our smaller meeting room and enjoying the nice weather. We remember our Vets and Military, and members who are no longer with us. We are wielding our chop sticks today and celebrating the Year of the Dog, we 'Gaters will keep them at bay! The SFO China Town Parade, with colorful Lion dancers, brings in many out-of-towners for this festival. Luncheons for the next 3 months are:

- ❖ March 26 – St. Patricks' Gala Event – the Board will provide the Corned Beef and Cabbage,

members please bring your favorite side dish. We need to plan quantities, so please let us know you'll attend.

- ❖ April 23 – BYOB – Bring your own brown bag / Bingo too
- ❖ May 28 – Sausage and Waffles Bruncheon – Members \$5.00 / Guests \$7.00. Coming? Let us know. Call **Dorothy Reuszer** at (650) 341-5765

Interim Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg** read the January minutes which were corrected (I lost a month!) I have the address for **Marie Cavalli** (she'll be 104 years young in May), let me know if you want it.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** says we are currently in good shape. If you haven't done so, please send in your dues for 2018 of \$15 per member.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** has updated our membership roster. Natal days celebrated in February included **Bill Heinrich**, **Vera Kina** and **Carol Walter**. 44 years ago, **Jerome & Barbara Underhill** boogied down the aisle, happy daze to all. Our not-well list is toooo long: **Ben Vietz** is undergoing treatment up in Washington, his daughter is making him toe the line! **Roz Clinton** is in a rehab facility, **Bernice Trullinger** fell and broke her collar bone and was with her daughter for 5 weeks recuperating; **Ralph** had a caretaker with him while she was away, **Emily Sundstrom** is in a care facility, **Al Christian** needs some cheering up as do the **Tailets** – **Donna** feeling her way around with a cane after a fall and **Bob** is in a care home. **Bernie Schneider** is moving slowly these days. These are longtime members and we miss you, take care and know that you are in our thoughts and hearts.

The Auditors, **Gene Walter** and **Dorothy Reuszer** (in absentia **Ben**) will be taking names for your attendance for our St. Paddys' Day luncheon. The Budget and Audit reports are coming up.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2018 proposed trips. "A Walk in the (National) Parks" trip July 10 – 22, 2018 is in full swing, want to join us? Call or email Ginger and I'll send you a flyer. Guarantee there will be some good food, laughs galore and an experience you'll truly enjoy. December 8 – 11, 2108 a trip to Solvang (a super Swedish community,) a tour then off to Cambrias' version of the Christmas markets (no ... not like the size of the European markets we saw 2 years ago,) a tour of the Hearst Castle and its splendid Christmas decorations, and a surprise ending to usher in the Santa (Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus – and I have a picture to prove it!) Rudolph and Blitzen and his buddies good times. Wanna have some fun? Get on the interest list, call or email **Ginger**.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** had nothing to report.

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** gave away our 25%/25% winnings to **John Bogdanoff** and **Don Hughes**. There were many Bingo winners and special winners of those Chinese Good Luck Red Envelopes

(lottery scratcher tickets) **Jerome Underhill**, **Walter Kina**, **Gene Walter** (he won 2 but no money, sigh) and lucky **Bob Donovan** won twice and ran to the bank with a big \$8.00 dollar win.

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



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Our Spring Luncheon date has been set and we are looking forward to a fun time together! This luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 20 at Ristorante Don Giovanni located on Castro Street in Mountain View. For the first time, each lunch selection will be chosen from five pre-selected options at the restaurant when checking in instead of choosing when submitting payment. Entrees include Penne Pesto, Spaghetti alla Bolognese, Parmesan Crusted Salmon, Grilled Chicken "Monterey" and Braised Short Ribs. If you haven't received an email with flyer and would like to join us, please let me know and I will be happy to forward to you. The deadline is Friday, March 16.

With heavy hearts we announce the passing of our president for last year, **Boyd Sweet**. He fought a gallant fight against melanoma most of last year and succumbed on February 5 with family members surrounding him. We are amazed that he completed his term as president before declining fairly rapidly in January. At our Friday breakfast meeting on February 9, we had a memorial service of sorts for him with many expressing gratefulness for having known him. "He was a gentleman" (**Tony Urso**). "He had a beautiful voice and had something to say about everything" (**Jean Jenkins**). "I'm grateful we had the opportunity to serve together at Second Harvest Food Bank on numerous occasions because of Boyd and his many years of volunteering there" (**Robin Garland**). One of our past presidents, **Bill Reichard**, prayed for **Merle** and the family and they are close in our thoughts during this sad time.

Travels — **Chuck Thuener** reported on his trip to Cambodia and Vietnam saying it was a great trip—very beautiful countries. He and wife, **Joyce**, flew Air Vietnam and Air China and visited temple ruins and muse-

ums via Trafalgar Bus Tours. Except for the cold he caught on the trip everything went very well. **George & Julie Midwin** were off to Australia for 10 days in February to celebrate their granddaughter **Zoe's** 16th birthday. It was quite exciting to see her again after a year. A highlight was dining at the Opera House which is a once-in-a-lifetime event. They had a wonderful time together. **Roger Casterline** was on the Boeing 777 flight to Honolulu, Hawaii that lost an engine cowl apparently due to a compressor stage failure. He was making an annual trip to visit RUAEA chapters there. "It was quite evident there was something wrong with lots of shaking and rattling going on. Amazingly though, everyone stayed calm and there were no injuries." It was his first time landing in "crash position." Thankfully also, they were only 30 minutes out from HNL. **Harry Willever** shared that he and his son traveled to Yosemite to take in a hobby they both enjoy—photography. Unfortunately, there was no snow at the time. We've had some precipitation since so hopefully there will be some good waterfalls to take in later in the spring.

As many of you know, this year's RUAEA Convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio. **Roger Casterline** was there the last week in February for a board meeting and reported the hard work the Buckeyes are already doing preparing the way for the gathering coming up in September. The hotel has been finalized and there will be possibly ten options for tours during the convention. More information will be coming in the June issue of this magazine.

We meet every Friday at Holder's Country Inn on DeAnza Blvd. in San Jose across from Home Depot. Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

Calendar:

March 20 – Spring Luncheon, Ristorante Don Giovanni in Mountain View

June 12 – Summer Picnic, Vasona Park in Los Gatos



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The San Joaquiner's held their February meeting at the Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs on February 8th. **Bob & Sandy Brooks** hosted the meeting and those attending enjoyed the all you can eat food, the friendly atmosphere, and the chance to get together and socialize.

President **Bob Scoble** was recovering from heart surgery with wife **Pat** attending to him and Vice President

Steve Foster (and spouse **Jacque**) were off astride their motorcycles to celebrate their anniversary therefore past President **Bob Brooks** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. It is wonderful to have a group where there is always someone who can be counted on when needed!

Don Nesja donned his Joker's cap and got everyone laughing with his many contributions.

Acting President Bob said our Northern California RUAEA Director, **Sondra Sandstedt** would like to attend our March meeting, which the group enthusiastically endorsed.

Members **Ben & Karen Yeatts** were welcomed back after a long absence, and **Joe Schwirian** was with us, probably for the last time as he is moving to Hawaii. He & **Bonnie** will be missed. Joe mentioned that a Retirement Seminar was held at the Maintenance Base on February 17.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna's** report indicated all bills paid and all funds received by February 8th have been deposited and we have a current balance of almost \$600.00. Dues are due, so if you have not paid yet send your check for \$7.50 (per member) to **Rudy Reyna**, 960 Cooper Court, Ripon, CA 95386. Rudy also noted the chapter received thank you notes from Modesto Citadel of the Salvation Army and Interfaith Community Social Services of Sonora for our Christmas donation.

Birthdays celebrated were **Fred Verbaere**, **Barbara Edkin**, **Guy Hoffman** and **Don Nesja**. Anniversaries were **Ace & Barbara Edkin** and **Guy & Nancy Hoffman**.

Our usual raffle was presented with many members winning lovely prizes.

Acting President **Bob Brooks** closed the meeting with thanks for their attendance and wished them safe travels until next time.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month (our next meeting is Thursday, March 8th at Frieze's Restaurant, 532 N. Yosemite Ave., Oakdale) but, since we meet at various places, you can call our President, **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626-5308 for information.

EAST BAY DIABLOS

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East Bay Diablos

We met on February 5 at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 22 members in attendance. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** acted as cashiers and **Barbara Underhill** ran the raffle. Social hour was from

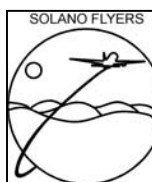
11:00 to noon and then we had lunch, followed by the raffle. **Barbara Cunningham** was the lucky winner in the 50/50 raffle. Several members donated bottles of wine which also went into the raffle.

Sadly, our group lost a member last month. **Bill Boyle** passed away on January 19. A memorial service was scheduled on February 19 at St. Bonaventure Church. Cards and messages of condolence can be sent to Bill's wife, **Nancy Boyle** at 5456 Preston Ct., Concord, CA 94521-1632; or via email to redvolvo66@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

- ❖ April 2 at 11:00. — Fuddruckers, 1975 Diamond Blvd in Concord. Everyone orders their meal separately at the counter and then we eat together in a private room.
- ❖ May 7 at 11:00. - Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- ❖ June 4 at 11:00. - Annual Summer Picnic at **Diane Griego's** home. This fun meeting is a catered BBQ and requires an RSVP. More details to follow.

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at tbcunningham43@gmail.com for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees.



SOLANO FLYERS

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February 14 found the following Flyers at Rauls Striper Cafe in Fairfield: President **Deno Poolos**, **Frank Uhl**, **Paul Schwafel**, **C.J. Johnson**, **Eugene Boyce**, **Jim Ellison**, **Robert & Michiko Allen**, **Pad & Eileen Gardner**, **Louis Pell**, and **Allan Pochop**. As we have been at this restaurant in the past, the size of the plate and portions, was a topic of conversation, this may be an added location for our monthly meeting.

Our reliable treasurer **JoAnne Blizzard** stopped by, but could not stay as she was on the way to the hospital

where **Bill Blizzard** was having to have stents placed in his arteries. All of the Flyers wishing Bill a speedy recovery.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **C.J. Johnson**.

The Solano Flyers March 14 meeting will find us at Rio Vista, at the Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Drive, 11am to 1pm. An added incentive for attendance, the Chapter will purchase the meal.

Calendar:

March 14 - The Point Restaurant, 120 Marina Dr., Rio Vista, CA, (707) 374-5400

COLORADO

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President Don Burbank opened the meeting and reminded everyone to bring all aluminum for recycle as it provides income to chapter so we don't pay dues.

March breakfast was attended by 32 persons. The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings were **Marilyn Hansen** (DENCg), **Ray Shoults** (DENMM), **Tom Goodyear** (DENOG), **Don Lefurge** (CO), **Jim Spate** (DENMM) and **Yumi Trujillo**.

TK cafeteria will open in June. Don would like a few to try it and report back. Don has the menu.

Virgil Gooselaw and **Don Burbank** attended the RUAEA Board Meeting in Cleveland recently. On the agenda was status of the 2018 convention preparation, many good tours have been set up.

Travel reservations are changing, Don will train for this change and explain it to us. It's easy to get around and keep your smart phone with you for changes.

Our next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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THE CITRUS GROUPERS

THE VILLAGES

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Submitted by Tita O. Dumagsa

The Citrus Grouper March monthly luncheon meeting was held on Thursday, March 22, at the Chefs of Napoli III Restaurant on US 301, Wildwood, FL.

This was the first meeting under new President **Julius "Joe" DiStaso**, EWRCS. Joe was elected as the President in the elections held on February 22, following the end of the term of outgoing President, **Tita Dumagsa**, IADEx. IADRR, WASSS. **Joe DiStaso** thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and outlined the plans for his new administration.

Claus Brinnitzer declined to continue to serve as Vice-President so this position is open and will need to be filled by President **Joe DiStaso**, either by appointment or through a special election.

The 88th birthday of beloved member, **Elaine Lies**, CHIRR, HDQFF was celebrated with a birthday cake and candle blowing.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

For the Citrus Grouper "Getting To Know You" Interview Program, the featured member of the month was the new President himself, and a reading of his bio as written by member **Richard "Dick" Bligh**, SFOKM, EXOKU, was done with her usual excellence by **Elaine Lies**.

Joe was born and raised in Jersey City, NJ. He graduated from St. Peter's Prep school in 1961. St. Peter's Prep is a Catholic, Jesuit college preparatory school which seeks to form young men of competence, conscience and compassion. Enriched and challenged by its diversity, Prep is a community of learners seeking to find God in all things including academic, athletic, co-curricular, spiritual and service programs. Joe considered taking a year off before attending College.

He interviewed and was hired at United in July of 1961, at Newark, NJ as a statistical clerk. He had also joined the National Guard and had a 6 month period of active duty. Upon returning, he was told that his job had been eliminated and was transferred to Ramp Services. After some time, he transferred to Customer Services and after training in Chicago, Joe began his long-term association with Customer Services at Newark.

In 1967 he met his to be wife Carol who by the way worked at TWA. They married and in 1972 their son William was born. Around 1980, he was assigned to Baggage Services handling damage claims.



In 1998 with 37 years of service, Joe retired. Already, relatives were moving to Florida and Joe & Carol picked out a property in Northport, FL. After 7 years, they moved to Port Charlotte where their house was on the canal and Joe had boat slips for his fishing boat. Canal living with his boat right there was perfect for Joe since he is an avid fisherman.

In 2015 Joe lost his wife and was visiting his brother and sister-in-law in the Villages, FL and decided to try living there. As a result, he built a brand-new home in the Villages Historical District. His garage was constructed to allow for the storage of his 1974 Cadillac Eldorado convertible which is often displayed in the Villages Town Square on the third Saturday of the month.

Joe is still adjusting to the Villages lifestyle. He views it all as a work in-progress. Joe has been an active member of the Citrus Groupers since 2016.

SAND“DABS”

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Spring is in the air in Florida and 15 Sand“Dabs” ventured out for our meeting. We were so excited to welcome new members **Sherrill & Sydney Morgan**. They recently moved from the Sacramento area to Ormond Beach and we hope to see them on a regular basis.

After the Pledge and Prayer, **Dick Coughlin** warmed us up with a few jokes and then gave a UAL update. The Company is doing so many exciting things it's hard to keep track but of note of course is the expansion at O'Hare. So many of us spent time either working at ORD or passing through, it will be nice to see more gates and space.

We celebrated birthdays for long time member, **Jim Myer** and our newest member **Sherrill Morgan**. Congratulations to them both! **Rick & Marion Johnson** celebrated their wedding anniversary of 17 years and Company anniversary congratulations were in order for **Marion Johnson** (started 49 years ago) and **Penny Logan** (started 34 years ago).

The 50/50 was won by **Gloria Marcantoni**. Treasurer **Penny Logan** gave the financial report and suggested we start thinking about charities we would like to support. Vice-President **Steve Moddle** gave an update on some mechanical issues our flights have experienced lately.

Calendar:

April 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

May 3 - Same as above



THE ORLANDO

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Thirty-one “Happy to live in Orlando!” retirees gathered to enjoy lunch and camaraderie! As always, President Ernie led the group for the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked everyone for the donations made last month to the Children's Home of Central Florida. We welcomed back the **Vanns**, who wished us all a Happy New Year! Also, a warm welcome to the **Montalvos**, **Armisteads**, **Mollets**, and **Jim Weeks**, whom we hadn't see in a while! For the first order of business, Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** gave her report and we are in fine financial standing!

Secretary Elaine read a very nice Thank You card from the Children's Home and then shared information about all the folks in need of our prayers and cheery cards: **Bob McNeill** got his very own pacemaker ... and then that flu/congestion-thing; **Mary McNeill** landed in the hospital too ... the flu/congestion-thing, their address: 2834 Aein Road, MCO 32817. **Linda Agnello** fell and broke her femur, had surgery to repair, and now is in rehab, 2661 Lake Baldwin Lane, F#105, MCO. 32814. **Mack Chandler** was in the hospital and rehab and now is home mending, 2565 Skif Drive, MCO 32812. Please keep all our members' families in your prayers for comfort and healing. Suggestion was made to buy those Get Well Cards in the 12 pack?

Our Birthday Guy for March was none other than VP **Ken Michels** on the 27th!

Lots of Anniversary Wishes for this month: **Gloria & Richard Armistead** (7th), **Gerry & Endel Vann** (11th), **Al & Lois Fields** (17th) and **Ken & Shelby Michels** (19th). Huge Congrats to you all and wishes for many more happy years together!

The Real McCoy's meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. The Annual April Picnic will be held at Cypress Grove on April 3rd! Hope to see you all there. Next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 1st.

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Our March 2 meeting was attended by **Lynna Baker**, **Rosemary Blake**, **Maxine Brown**, **Bill & Margie Burg**, **Ed Clarke**, **Gary & Janice Crittenden**, **Ray Jensen**,

Nancy Kopp, Bee McCarthy, Diane Roberts, Roger Schonwise, and Craig Milan.

Ray Jensen reported on the RUAEA board meeting which he recently attended in Cleveland. He said the Cleveland volunteers already have most of the convention plans made for September.

Gary Crittenden brought in a couple of his pilot logbooks. He has many more at home. The details of various flights were very interesting, and sometimes amusing. Since we enjoyed his presentation so much, he'll look through his remaining logs and give another presentation in the future.

Gary Crittenden invited anyone interested to the RUPA meeting March 12 at the Olive Garden. We're inviting any RUPA members interested to our April 6 meeting. We hope to have **Steve Tanzella**, RSW Station Manager, join us. **Ray Jensen** has been in touch with him and says he is willing to talk to us at any time.

Roger Schonwise won the 50/50, and later won a package of cookies which he passed around as dessert.

We'll have a regular luncheon meeting at KJ's Steak House in April, then in May our annual Steak Fry at the Landings Pavilion on the beautiful Caloosahatchee River. We take a break for the summer and meet again in the Fall.



THE SAND DOLLARS

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Once again, 23 very happy Sand Dollars gathered in an exceptionally interesting restaurant for our monthly meeting. This time, **Ginger Hyde** had picked the Linger

Lodge, a truly "Old Florida" restaurant and campground set on the Braden River. The Lodge was a little hard to find for those of us less adept at using maps and GPS, but with the help of **Bob & Shirley Adams** the lost souls were led to their destination. The lobby of the Lodge was full of "natives" ... i.e. snakes of quite horrifying varieties, raccoons, rabbits, groundhogs, coyotes, a bobcat, all varieties of fish, and of course alligators (large alligators). Fortunately, all of these were of the stuffed variety. Here are a few of our members who had their picture taken in front of a large alligator which hung on the lobby wall.

Front row: **Judy Macklin, Shirley Adams, Diane Hoffer, Nancy Gibbs, Suzan Goodson, Alice Parker.**

Back row: **Lee Hoffer, Michael Hyde, Vivian & Harvey Rucker, Russ & Joanne Wasser, Bill & Inge Phillips, Maria Santangelo, Bob Adams and Ginger Hyde.**

Also attending but not pictured: **Alice D'Souza, Betty Woods-White, George & Jeanne Sudol, Katie Heasley, and Gretchen Bulin.**

We stood for the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the luncheon, then the difficult choices had to be made from a very extensive menu. Eating out on a porch overlooking the river made for a very special occasion. We were happy to learn that **Alice Parker** had recovered from her severe cold and it had not developed into the flu, and we were extremely glad to have **Gretchen Bulin** come and join us so we could give her hugs and sympathy on the sudden death of her husband **Dick** in January. **Bob & Inge Phillips** had a good explanation of how they met – Bob said "I worked the front end, she worked the back." He was the Captain and Inge a flight attendant. **Loretta Marvett** called to let us know she was unable to attend but this was a favorite place she and her husband **Michael** liked going to before he passed away a number of years ago.



Lisa Young's name was pulled for the attendance drawing but she was not present. Our 50/50 winners were **Jeanne Sudol** (1st), **Alice Parker** (2nd), and **George Sudol** (3rd place). Birthday congratulations for April went to **Gail Dannebrock** (1st), **Bruce Toter** (14th), **George Sudol** (15th). Anniversary congratulations go to **George & Jeanne Sudol** (50 years on the 27th).

We had Valentine candy on the tables, and **Ginger Hyde** brought delicious little cupcakes in honor of **Michael Hyde's** birthday.

We welcome any visiting retirees or any who are thinking of moving to our area. For information, call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

TAMPA BAY CHAPTER

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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on March 5th with 8 members in attendance. That nasty bug has hit our members. The meeting was called to order by VP **Bob Lindstrom**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Acting Secretary read the report, it is approved as read.

Birthdays: **Jon Wilkinson** (10th), **Beverly Alderdice** (22nd).

Travel ~ **Loretta Marvett** just arrived home from a cruise, she commented that it was too short. **Bob & Jan Lindstrom** went camping in Mount Dora, they were attending the Central Florida Dulcimer and Autoharp Festival. Bob was taking classes. It was a great weekend.

We discussed what is going on with UAL, news, etc.

Bob wished everyone A Happy Easter. The meeting was adjourned.

Calendar:

April 2 - Picnic at Anderson Park - 11AM

May 7 - IHOP - 10:30AM



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What a beautiful Florida day we had for our semi-annual picnic. Temps were in the 70's and it was breezy. It was held at the Dubois Park in Jupiter. There were 18 members and one guest, **Ron Brodis**, in attendance.

Our big "Thank You" goes out to President, **Al Popek** and wife, **Janice**, who do such an awesome job organizing the event. We had a St. Pat's theme since it is right around the corner. This year the chapter provided fried chicken, the members contributed wonderful additions to the menu. A special kudos goes out to "**Dinos**" **Xifaras** who once again brought the beautiful decadent cake that we all look forward to. Dinos looked great following his serious automobile accident he had on his way to our meeting in February. He thanked everyone for their well wishes.

We have a new member who joined us today, **Sandy Ruggiero**, a close friend of **Bob Langevin**, has been to several events in the past. All of us send out a warm welcome to you. We love your vivacious personality. You brighten our gatherings.

Picnics are a great time to visit with other members. It isn't as easy at the regular meetings. Plans were shared about future trips members have planned. Several are headed to Italy and others taking cruises.

The new roster is available. Those who didn't attend the picnic can pick one up at the next meeting in April.

Al Popek wished everyone a "Happy St. Pat's Day" and "Happy Easter", which will be upon us soon. He wished everyone heading back North safe travels. Many have homes up there and leave the hot summers of Florida once the weather up there settles down.

Our 50/50 was won by **Diane Brodis**. Raffles were won by **Dinos Xifaras**, **Janice Popek**, **Janet Hanley** and two by **Fran D'Amico**. The Progressive rolled over



since **Pattie Connell** was not in attendance.

We will be celebrating birthdays in March, **Bob Langevin** (16th), **Jo LaRocca** (20th) and **Jim Moorehead** (27th).

Calendar:

April 3 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30 P.M.

May 1 - Luncheon/Meeting at Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30 P.M.

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Don Shelly's annual Tampa/Atlanta reunion will be held April 14 at 2 PM in downtown Hampton, Georgia. He can be reached at spinnerd@att.net or (404) 790-4025.

Ron Heider has been out of service due to facial and back fall.

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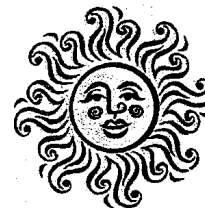
Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to HNLRUA@gmail.com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

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



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

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April—finally! The month of Easter, April Fool's Day, Orthodox Easter, Earth Day, Tax Day ... we're lucky that Tax Day is on a Sunday and DCA has a holiday on the 16th, we don't have to send in our taxes until the 17th. However, don't wait until then, unless you owe a few thousand dollars, ha-ha! April is named after Venus, the goddess of Looove. With eyes to the sky, the Lyrids meteor shower appears from April 16-26.

Hope you are all over the flu, and whatever else was out there. I had a bronchial virus, oh my, hoped I wasn't dying, and then hoped I was (old joke). That really knocked the heck out of me. I'm sure I wasn't alone. Hope you all managed ok through this winter, snow, rain, flooding, more snow, and illness. It's time to move on and start planning your garden.

There are two days of fun observances, National Day of Silence and National Sense of Smell Day that got my attention. Who comes up with these days? Men, good luck keeping your wife silent, and women, good luck getting your man to shower.

The Northside breakfast had 10 people drop in, it was a little chilly and many were ill. **Jim Sommerfield** came back after a little vacation. Didn't hear of any trips, but who wants to have flights cancel because of snow at ORD? Better to stay home and wait for April. It's nice that the company has changed our Enrolled Friends ruling to six-month intervals for travel. That makes it nice for our families to share the passes. They 'done good' on that one. My old friend, **Tom Nesser**, ORDMM, used to

say that when I did something right. He flew West a few years ago, sure do miss him.

Our Southside breakfast had 12 people attend. The weather was great and all were in a joyous mood. **John Pasakarnis** rejoined us after a few months away. Very happy news from and for **Margaret Schmitt**, she is going to be a great grandmother. Her grandson, who is living in Germany, will return in September because he and his wife are expecting their first child. How fitting, the baby is due around Labor Day ... **Bill Brookins** is celebrating his 80th birthday this month, Morgan Freeman looks just like him. Lucky Morgan! **Bob Pearson** and **Jan Gawenda** won the raffle—twice. I can guarantee I won't win again this year.

The ORDMM group had seven foremen and three ladies. **Don Wilson** joined us, nice to see him. He drives a school bus in his retirement. Some of our regulars are still in Florida and Arizona. It's always fun listening to the guys talking about broken airplanes and 'miracle' fixes. Some famous quotes, 'There's grass growing under that 37 in the West Bay, fix it, get it out of here!'

Over 85 people attended the IAM 1487 March meeting. Lunch was a Meet and Eat buffet. February and March birthdays were recognized. Two raffles were held, there were many happy winners. The April meeting will be featuring Hot Dogs. You can bring in a dessert if you'd like, our favorite entrée. The May 3 meeting will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo. Sign up now, the cost is \$10. In February, 14 members went to Drury Lane and saw 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. It was a different production, taking place in Las Vegas instead of Israel. The cast was very talented and the music was a delight, wherever Joseph was dreaming. Lunch was delicious. Thank you, **Fran Durkin** for organizing. There are a few people that help every meeting that should be thanked. The ladies in the kitchen, who put out the food and clean up, **Pat Artman, Ellen Thiede, Diane Gallogly, Jane Whitecotton, Mary Alice Parker**, and the guys, **Larry Parker** and **Gene Vegeais**. Also, the raffle people, **Joe Reuter, Bill Perry, Dave Roderick**, and **Greg Klujewski**. We have to thank **Karen Carney**, our President for keeping us together so well. Thank you all for everything you do every month.

News from Chicago radio land, WLUP, 97.9, The Loop, was bought by Educational Media Foundation for \$21.5 million. The format switched to Christian music. After 40 years, no more Rock and Roll just Rosaries and Revelations. Those black Loop T-shirts you have are collector items. Steve Dahl is looking for a job, I heard UAL is hiring, they're even giving bonuses.

The scammers are out again. Beware of those calls you get, don't answer if you don't recognize the number, especially, 'Unknown Name'. I received a few calls from a Medical supply company in New Jersey. Their recording said I was eligible for all kinds of braces. Well I never answered or called back. About two months

later, I received a package with two knee braces, and paperwork for me to sign, saying that the items would be paid by Medicare and Aetna, at no charge to me. **What?** So I called the number and asked the girl about it. She said my doctor ordered them. I said, 'Really, what's his name?' Pause ... She said, 'I don't have his name on my paperwork'. I said, 'There is no doctor's order because I don't need knee braces. You are guilty of fraud and I'm reporting you', and hung up. I called Medicare, they took all the information, told me to send back the braces, **don't** sign the papers, and they would take care of it. We know there are people that would accept items from companies like this, believing it was true. Not sure about your doctors, but my doctors all have their own medical supplies that they sell; they don't use an outside vendor. Don't fall for any of these scams. They are costing us all money through Medicare, Medicaid, and our insurance. Talk about Federal and State fraud!

Our friends that have recently departed include **Inga Schneider**, mother of Peter, ORDCG, and daughter, **Lillian Kane**, formerly of ORDCS. Also, **Ruth Wiggins**, wife of **Ralph**, ORDPV/EXOGO, **Anthony Wells**, ORDMM, and **Lora (Penny) Carpenter**, CHIRR. Also gone from our world are John Gavin, Vic Damone, David Ogden Stiers, Chicago's Lerone Bennett, Marty Allen, Nanette Fabray, and legendary evangelist, Billy Graham, 99 years of age, leading the Christian world for 70 years.

You know you're old if they've discontinued your blood type. Actually, my type is curdled.

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**April 11**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**April 24**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**April 5**), Lunch will be Hot Dogs. First Thursday of the month.

June 18 – Monday, Skyliner's Hawaiian Luncheon, Chandler's Restaurant, 401 N. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

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Submitted by Irene Kimball

Nor'Easters are planning a Welcome to Spring outing at the Peabody Essex Museum next month. Everyone is looking forward to coming out of hibernation to see the special Georgia O'Keeffe exhibit. Our very own docent, **Judy Kearney**, BOSCS, will be our guide.

Speaking of Judy, she and **Jim Kearney** are thrilled with the marriage of their son, Patrick in October in Jackson Hole with the Tetons as the backdrop. He and his bride now live in Sheffield, MA and are teachers at the Berkshire School, a private boarding school steps away from the Appalachian Trail. He teaches history, is a "coach" for mountaineering and wilderness medicine and his wife is a math teacher, lacrosse coach and dorm "Mom". Congrats to all!

Liz & Joe Palmer welcomed their first grandchild, Ella Jean. The new little family is renting a houseboat on Lake Union in Seattle WA. Liz & Joe spent two months in a houseboat next to them to enjoy the new arrival.

The Nor'Easters send condolences to UA Captain **Tony Montalto** who lost his 14 year old daughter, Gina, in the tragic Parkland, Florida shooting this month. We are heartbroken for him and his family.

More sad news to report ~ Nor'Easters mourn the loss of our dear skycap, **Ronnie Lemay** who passed away suddenly this month. No local services, as his family is bringing him home to his beloved Mississippi. Our United airport group has very generously donated to his family to help defray their costs. Rest in Peace, Ronnie.

Charlie Enos hasn't been feeling well and would welcome some uplifting notes and cards from his friends. His address is 52 Derry St., Merrimack, NH 03054.

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The weather could not have been worse for our March luncheon. It was a cold, slushy rain that fell as we headed for O'Mara's Irish Pub. By the time we got out of the restaurant a couple of hours later, we had a couple of

inches of snow on our car. By the end of the storm, we had over 8 inches of snow by our house. The ride home was not pleasant. But the spirits of the hearty retirees that attended was unstoppable. Attending were **Maggie Pringle**, our hostess, **Camille Wade**, **Jeen Kobb**, **Lynn Manzi**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Patty Gates** and **Gwen Schwendenmann**. In going with the Irish theme, Maggie baked up some delicious shamrock cookies. Thanks, Maggie, for hosting.

Retiree **Dee Grubbs** (CLERR and DTWRR), passed away recently. She had over 40 years of service with United. Cards can be sent to her husband, **Dave Grubbs**, 12895 Edison, Southgate, MI 48195.

After a long illness, **Tom Hoffman** passed away. Tom was the husband of **Pat Hoffman**, DTWRR retiree. Pat's address is 14221 Wellesley, Dearborn, MI 48126, if you wish to send condolences.

Looking forward to Spring!

MINNESOTA

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19 Lites met for lunch and visiting on a wonderfully spring-like February day. This winter has been one of the colder ones in about 15 years, so everyone was kind of giddy being able to enjoy the sunshine and light-jacket weather. It was sooo nice that **Lee Storlie** said he was going to go home and wash his car in the driveway.

There were no minutes of the last meeting available. Our secretary, **Mary Brennan** and her main squeeze, **Jim**, were in Kona lapping up the warm temps and soft ocean breezes. Seems as though I remember before they left that she asked me if I wanted her to send me the minutes and I said no, that I'd cobble up something to read. Huh. Another one of those moments.

In the good news department, **Mike Cunningham** told us that after a variety of tests at his most recent visit to the doc, he was proclaimed to be cancer-free! Hallelujah! And **Jo Ayres** announced that on that date one year ago, she'd had shoulder surgery. She demonstrated how successful it was by raising her arm straight up and waving it around (... and the crowd went wild!) It's so nice to be able to report good news!

Bud Ayres was our "host du jour" and did a great job. Not only was he wearing the host's cap but also the treasurer's cap and the raffle conductor's cap, too. He brought up the fact that at our current venue, the meeting room leaves a bit to be desired when it comes to being able to hear well during the meetings. Many have hearing loss and being able to enjoy the meeting can be prob-

lematic for some. Also, booth seating, in my humble opinion, is becoming more and more difficult for us ol' fogeys to get in and out of (mostly out ... one can easily fall in).

So the hunt for a suitable place to meet is on again. Keep your eyes peeled for a nice place that has a meeting room, good food and tables/chairs, not booths!

Lee chatted with **Andy Holen** recently and reported that he's been occupying himself this winter by building martin houses. He recently took one to a charitable group and offered it as an item in their upcoming fundraiser. They were ecstatic. Hopefully, we can see one of them the next time he makes it to lunch with us.

The 50/50 raffle turned out to be 100/0 raffle. It was Valentine's Day, after all and our kitty is pretty fat, so why not? It was agreed to treat ourselves and the whole pot was given away in \$10 increments. **Fred & Rita Stang** were seated in the lucky spot, three of their numbers were called. They couldn't win 3 times, of course, but were advised to make a casino stop on the way home.

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Perkins Restaurant, 7425 Currell Blvd., Woodbury, MN. Take I-494 to Exit 59 (Valley Creek Rd.) east to Queens Dr., left to the stop sign (Currell Blvd), then right to Perkins.

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LAS VEGAS

SILVER LINERS

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The Silverliners held their regular luncheon meeting at Giuseppe's Italian Grill. There were 29 members and one guest in attendance, our guest is Sigrid, the daughter of **Zenta Berghofer**. Vice President **Chris Czaplewski** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chris also mentioned that we are in need of someone to come forward and take on the position of Chapter President. We are hoping that someone will step up soon.

After a delicious lunch of Chicken Marsala and Fish and Chips, Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** went over our financial report which was well received and approved by the membership. Also, Jeannie read the letter from the Helping Hands Food Pantry which we had a collection for at our Christmas Luncheon. They thanked us for our support and wanted us to know we donated 57 different items that totaled 139.6 pounds of products.

Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** went over the past month and coming month birthdays and anniversaries of our members.

The Silverliners Secretary **Don Rutkowski** was not present for this luncheon meeting due to a prior commitment. In his absence, a proposal was made to the members on his behalf to submit a brief story to him of "What have you done since retirement from United Airlines?" Things to include, did you move after retirement, are you traveling, what organization, groups, clubs, charities you support and became active members in. With this information Don will write up an article for the RUAEA Newsletter the months we do not have a meeting.

We had our 50/50 drawing for cash and drawings for the large number of table gifts which our members donated. I want to give a big thank to **Mary Chandler** for filling in for **Georgia Rutkowski** who had a prior commitment and could not be there. The meeting was closed and we wished all well and to be safe going home. We hope to see everyone at our next luncheon on April 12.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. If you are in Las Vegas and/or planning a trip, here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038. We will be glad to see you.

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There were 15 members and 1 guest at our February meeting at The Black Bear Diner. Our guest was **Lesly Jaramillo**, who accompanies **Maurine Williams** most months to our meeting. February birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Reid** and **Bill Perkins**. The 50/50 raffle was won by yours truly. In addition, **Donna Reid** won a box of chocolate candy. **Jeff Nimori**, widower of past Sierra Roundup President **Sara Nimori**, sent a card advising us that he is relocating from Fernley, NV to Utah to a senior living residence.

Bill Perkins, resident baker extraordinaire, was presented a box of candy as a thank you for the baked goodies that he provides. Today, it was one of the best carrot cakes I have ever had (I am not a big fan of carrot cake.).

Our next meeting will be at 11:30am on March 12 at the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St., Reno.



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Our meeting opened with a flag salute by Vice President **John Deily**, and a moment of silence for the memory of **Ken Carson's** sister Lois, who has just recently passed.

Bill Gula and **Victor Acosta**, from the IAM local 914 were also on hand to give an update on EWR. It's always nice to know what's going on at first hand.

We have a new member who has joined us, **Neil Erickson** of EWR 00, he is a welcome addition to the Garden Staters.

Bill McKay won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch Plains on March 28 at 12 PM.

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Our February 7th meeting began with **Sue Broderick** saying the "Invocation" which was absolutely beautiful.

Yes, we did have our February luncheon at Fuji's Grill n Buffet, but because of the snow fall that morning we did have 8 cancellations from people south of Cleveland who received much more snow.

We had 44 members in attendance. We thanked our host **John Taucher** for setting up the wonderful luncheon.

I called **Betty Taylor**, but spoke with her son, Brian who told me of her passing On July 7, 2016. At the family's request, we Ohio Buckeyes had sent a \$25 check to the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Last year we added 22 new members. And this month we welcomed our 1st new member for 2018: **Kathy Kilbane**.

All members were informed of the possible Life Insurance that United may have on them. All retirees were advised to call 800-651-1007 and ask for "the Retirees Benefits. Ask if United has life insurance on them. All can be accomplished over the phone, including setup of Beneficiaries and Contingent Beneficiaries. United will

need to know your: name, file number, last 4 of social security #, date retired, and department retired from.

Our 2018 RUAEA Convention is going along very well. Much has already been accomplished. RUAEA has contracted the Marriott on W150 and I-71. **Barb Vauls** and I are the co-chairpersons for the Convention. Chairpersons have been chosen for various committees, the Friday night band and Saturday night Banquet entertainment are under contract. Tours of our city are being finalized. The "Packet" for attendees is in the process of being finalized. A new logo has been designed for CLE. Our "Theme" for the convention was voted on, and it is "CLE Will Rock You", and that "theme" is part of the logo which surrounds a picture of Cleveland. What all of this means is that a huge part of the preparation is completed. The dates of the convention are September 18 through 22.

Our January & February Birthdays were **Bob Alexander, Nancy Carter, Jacki Craig, Al Kicen, Marie Pivik, Kay Preston, Bob Templeton, Tom Hockett, Mary Lou Mack, Jeff Spooner, Dolly Taucher** and **Frank Wachs**.

The only anniversary couple we had was **Bob & Beverly Templeton** who are celebrating a big one of 60 years.

Calendar:

April 4 – Mahle's Restaurant, hosted by **Gene & Jackie Craig**

May 2 – Shale Creek Clubhouse, hosted by **Barb Vauls**

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We had 59 join us for lunch on Valentine's Day. We were delighted to welcome two more new members, **Keawe & Debbie Tafua**, and returning member **Ray Reed**. Our menu was a Chinese theme, in honor of Chinese New Year, thoroughly enjoyed by some, not so much by others. Next month we will dine on corned beef and cabbage, as well as other yummy items, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Next month we will also see a rate increase to \$16/per person for lunch. It will be our first rate increase in 5 years, and still less expensive than lunch at a restaurant.

Longtime member **Elaine Thomas**, wife of **George Thomas**, is now residing at Farmington Memory Care. **Carl Gruenberg** had a recent cardiac event, but is recovering nicely after having stents placed.

WASHINGTON

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Beginning this month, we have arranged to have a variety of guest speakers during the year. John Benton, a board member from WAAAM, Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum, was our guest speaker. He gave a thorough overview of the Museum, some of its main features, and invited all to come to visit, or to volunteer. If you are in the area it is well worth your time to head out to Hood River, Oregon, to see the amazing selection of airplanes, some dating back to 1917. Some of the main highlights:

- All of the airplanes on display can be flown, and all the cars are drivable
- They have a wall of honor for women pilots serving in WWII
- An extensive collection of antique aircraft including the 1917 Curtiss JN-4D Jenny featuring an OX-5 90 HP engine, our Piper Cub and WACO collections, Aeronca collection, Stearman collection and many more fun aircraft.
- The beacon tower in front of the Museum guided mail pilots through the Gorge in the 1920's
- Second Saturdays, weather permitting, cars and airplanes are taken outside, the planes flown and some drives in antique cars provided to guests. Otherwise, there will be indoor events including demonstrations, special exhibits and hands on experiences for visitors.

For variety, our President has decided to provide a quote at each meeting to generate thought, or discussion, or both. This month's quote (originator unverified): *"The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read"*. She then requested that next month we share books that impacted us in some way. In the meantime, she highly recommended *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*, by Atul Gawande, MD. An important read for anyone facing end of life decisions. Hopefully many will be willing to share other great reads during our March meeting

Anniversaries ~ **Harold & Anna Miller** (22 years).

Birthdays ~ Sorry, no one recorded them this month. Our bad. We did get the winners, just not the list of birthdays.

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Joe Barnes**, Men's Birthday - **Ron Vriens**, Women's Birthday - **Elaine Hoek**, 50/50 - **Dennis Scheuerell**.

Calendar:

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

March 14 - Social

April 11 - Guest speaker will be Tom Cottrill, PDX UAL Manager

May 9 – Board meeting immediately following lunch meeting

This month we dedicate our column to **Kay (Kathryn) Johnson** (SEACG), who celebrated her 100th Birthday March 27, enjoying a celebration with relatives from the far eastern U.S. and friends from here in Washington. Kay retired from United Airlines in 1979, having begun her career in Seattle Reservations in 1962 during the World's Fair era. Originally from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Kay moved with her family to Minnesota, where she met her future husband, **Buck**, shortly after the Pearl Harbor Attack. Several moves later, Buck accepted a job with Boeing and they moved back to the Seattle area. Kay remembers working with **Jerry Gogulski**, a former Seattle chapter president, in SEARR and, after 5 years and a transfer to SeaTac and SEACG, with **Bob Heriot**, among others. At one point, Kay had worked with **Jack McKinstry** at SEAFO. In 2016, Kay moved permanently to Cathedral City, CA to be near her daughter and granddaughter. Congratulations, Kay!

Many of us showed up in red garb to remember Valentine's Day at the February 13 meeting of the Emerald City Slickers at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien. We seem to be holding steady with attendance in the low 40s and anticipate many observing the "Wearin' o' the Green" for the March 13 luncheon.

Unfortunately, somebody goofed in arranging tables for our gathering, and many were forced to remain seated while President **Ken Storey** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Lack of space also affected distribution of door prizes, but restaurant staff assured us that this won't happen again. Proper American Flag etiquette was explained, though we weren't able to observe it ourselves that morning.

Thanks go to **Judy Storey**, who filled in for cruising Treasurer **Bonnie Frey**. And to Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk**, who relays luncheon reservation information to the restaurant and checks off names from her efficient list provided to her by her mate, **Richard Devereux**.

How fortunate we are to have **Kathie Torgison** (Torgy's Travel Tips) in our chapter. For this meeting Kathie provided tips on using EmpRes to list on UA flights, emphasizing Custom Routing that allows a retiree to plan his/her own itinerary.

Our luncheon was held on **Helen Ebert**'s 105th birthday and Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** read a message from Helen's daughter, **Janice Fuller**, who noted that Helen (SEAAH) enjoys good health and looks forward to



receiving Contrails (a perk of joining the Seattle chapter) and chapter news. Phyllis also read a letter from **Stella Rolph**, an early member of The Emerald City Slickers, when it was formed by **Norm Strange**, our first chapter president. Norm and Stella were cohorts in Personnel (SEAPE) and she served the chapter as treasurer and secretary in the early years.

As Membership Chair, traditionally a function of an organization's vice president, Phyllis explained her efforts to reach 46 former members who had not sent in dues for 2018. She had good results from the letters she sent to those folks, reducing the number of "delinquents" to 11. Membership now stands at 125.

Phyllis's efforts also led to information from his daughter that chapter member **Leonard Hicks** (SEAPV) had passed away last fall. Len had been a mechanic working in Plant Maintenance.

Secretary **Mary Ann Andersen** has been researching UAL backgrounds of a few Emerald City Slickers for a "Member Highlights" column in Contrails, our chapter newsletter. The columns make for fascinating reading and lead to reminiscing over shared or similar experiences. **John Haferbecker** was the subject of Mary Ann's March profile, but this column already is longer than it should be! We do want to share the biographical information with you but will save it for summer newsletter issues, when we don't have meetings to report.

It was great to have **Rosa Koller** (SEAHH) with us for the day. Rosa was accompanied by her daughter, **Linda Ryan**. We appreciate all the offspring who provide transportation for parents who no longer can get here on their own. **Mike Bratovich** (SEAMM) is another lucky parent. **Ed Liesse** mentioned **Dale Harper's** post that provided a link to the website of the fabulous Miniature Museum in Hamburg, Germany. In the airport scene, a modern United plane can be seen taking off. International advertising! Former RUAEA President **Jim Fauber** (SEAMM) will be the next Seattle retiree to experience a military Honor Flight, when he takes to the skies this month to visit Washington, DC and be honored as a veteran. We know that **Don Hanson** and **Dick Clement** were previous participants – there may be others we haven't recognized.

Distributing door prizes was a tricky proposition with the awkward arrangement of tables at the February meeting, but **Phyllis Bowman** and **Ken Storey** met the challenge. Winners were unable to get to the prize table to select their rewards, so Ken explained what was available from across the room. **Noreen Krawczyk** won the 50/50 raffle, as well as a door prize. That's becoming the norm among the lucky winners.

Calendar:

April 10 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

May 8 – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

June-August – No formal luncheon meetings



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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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February came and went way too fast. It was a crazy month for weather. It felt like spring for several beautiful days, and then ZAP! Snow fell in Northern Virginia. Luckily, our luncheon fell on one of the nicer days. We decorated our section of the Golden Corral with love. We had Valentine tablecloths and heart shaped place-mats. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** made festive gift bags for each member and one for each of our servers. The bags contained candy, V-day cards, and Styrofoam airplanes. We had a contest to see who could fly their planes the furthest. It was fun and funny. The design flaw of the planes caused them to fly in whatever direction they chose. We also had bubbles in our bags but decided not to tempt the health department code. We did manage to tap into our inner child, though, even without the bubbles. **Tana Rae Evenson** gave everyone a Hershey kiss.

The highlight of our luncheon came when **Angela Knight** brought out music and offered to lead us in singing Elvis's *I can't help falling in love with you*. For those of you not familiar with Angela, she is an opera singer of International renown. Angela comes from a United background. Her father, **Frank Pergano**, retired from UA after a long and distinguished career. Angela was also a UA employee in the Red Carpet Room for 10 years, until she was "discovered" and whisked away to the world of the Metropolitan Opera. She is an ordained minister and is currently starring in the Opera Hall of the Kennedy Center. It was great to see **Linda Scriven** back amongst us. Linda is walking very well after a long and arduous period of physical therapy. Linda is the Southeast Regional Director for RUAEA and the Loungers have the good fortune of having her as a member and a constant source of information. She, also was also the lucky win-



ner of our 50/50 raffle drawing. It was her lucky day as well as ours.

Included is a picture of the Dulles Loungers. Join us! We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. We have our own private section of the restaurant beginning at 11:30 am with a short business meeting at noon. We have a 50/50 drawing as well as door prizes.

In March, we will, of course, be celebrating St Patrick's Day. This is always a luncheon to which we look forward. Most of us look terrific in green! LOL. We hope that wherever you are, you also enjoy this magical holiday.

NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

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Our Clipped Wings Organization offers Absolutely Amazing HAT Tricks in addition to fun with friends. This article is proof of that as demonstrated by our dynamic OAK Clipped Wings Chapter ~ **Jackie Nino Haws**, one of the founding members of the OAK Chapter, and her husband **Terry** began Las Trampas (LTS) which was founded in 1958 as a non-profit residential school for children with developmental disabilities. The association and support of the OAK Chapter for LTS also began in 1958. The Haws hosted in their home a What's in Our Hat fun/ fund raiser to raise funds and awareness for LTS. This first event raised \$200.00 and has turned into an annual event complete with live music, delicious food and drinks, raffles and auctions.

Even though the location for this fun event had to be changed when Terry realized that the dancing was shaking the house's foundation, the commitment of our CW OAK Chapter to sharing their time and talents on behalf of LTS has never wavered. As the children have grown,

Las Trampas has changed its mission to include services for adults with developmental disabilities. Sixty years later LTS and OAK are still doing fund raisers now called The HAT for which our creative OAK members come up with a fun theme and plan a party around it. The most recent fun event and auction raised over \$100,000!

If you like to have fun with friends, find all of the above facts really amazing and are a current or former UAL/CO Inflight Crew Member, we'd love to welcome you as a member in any of our 29 chapters across the country.

Our website is: www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. But first, maybe we can take a minute to tip our hats to the members of OAK Clipped Wings!



NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

Mary Ann Amelse, Thomas H. Barnes, Carolyn N. Baumgartner, Harry A. Benson, Steven G. Borbely, Carmen C. Brandreth, Mary G. Brennan, Ralph L. Brick, Nancy R. Brock, Joyce A. Calderone, Delores Capipitelli, Cathryn I. Catelain, Elizabeth M. Correia, Joanne Craig, Harry A. Crandall, Joan K. Curtin, Richard L. Dean, Theodore B. Dewing, Dorothy L. Engels, James E. Fauber, John J. Fitzpatrick, Norbert L. Frickelton, Joanne Halt, Carroll W. Hedrick, G. Joseph Heinen, Ronald L. Heiseler, Glenn M. Heywood, John R. Hildebran, Nicholas L. Hyland, Susanne Johnson, James Johnston, Agnes J. Jones, Theodore G. Jung, George A. Kallas, Lynn Kalweit, Olga Karmazyn, Richard T. Kato, Shirley A. Keister, Raymond E. Kern, Kate G. King, Harold F. Klobe, Larry A. Knaub, Norma M. Kopel, Louis F. Legnitto, E. Tina Lewis, Janet B. Lockhart, Ben M. Matsumoto, Dale E. McAfee, Teresa F. McNamara, Sharon A. Meier, Carl Meinzer, Lew Meyer, H. O. Bud Mickelsen, Yasuichi Moromisato, Betty J. Opbroek, Alex Pabich, Donald E. Park, Leota L. Price, Gene W. Rittenhouse, Margaret A. Rodehorst, Herbert F. Rosskamp, Barbara L. Rothermal, Rechie S. Santander, Joseph F. Schauer, Arc Seven, William J. Sharp, Janet L. Smithberg, John M. Soja, James A. Sommerfield, James C. Spate, Jackie Szymanski, John P. Teresinski, James C. Tidman, Lorece Tolbert, Michaelinda Trahan, Samuel G. Vasicko, John R. Wade, Bonnie L. Wanderer, Robert W. Wenger, John L. Wheatley, Chuck Wickstrom, Gwendolyn Williams, Francis E. Wilson, Beverly A. Yeager, Janet M. Young. ❧

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- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death

- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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, or US Mail. Sorry, the information will not be accepted over the phone.

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

Correction: In the February 2018 issue, the address listed for the Obit of **Joseph R. Brabo** is incorrect. The correct address is, 23403 212th Ave. SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038. We apologize for any inconveniences.

Retiree – **Bateman, John M.**, on 3/29/2017, SFOLM, husband of Irene Bateman, 1541 Trimmingham Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94566

Retiree – **Carpenter, Lora G.**, on 2/28/2018, CHIRR, wife of William J Carpenter (Deceased), 4250 Whitehall Lane., Algonquin, IL 60102

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Retiree – **Eifert, Victor G.**, on 1/21/2018, IADCU and SFOCU, brother of two sisters, Houston, TX

Retiree – **Finley, June L.**, on 3/4/2018, PHXCS, wife of Harland T. Finley, PHXOZ (Deceased), 17334 Rimrock St., Surprise, AZ 85388

Spouse – **Griego, Jr., Manuel (Manny)**, on 2/20/2018, husband of Mary Diane Griego, SFOCS, 1634 Nuala St., Concord, CA 94518

Retiree – **Hewes, Trevor**, on 1/30/2018, SFOIQ, husband of Nancy L. Hewes, 12926 Beechwood Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375

Spouse – **Hill, Linda K.**, on 3/8/2018, wife of Glenn E. Hill, ORDMM, 510 Freeman Ave., Streamwood, IL 60107

Retiree – **Singleton, Bobby R.**, on 10/25/2017, WHQKT, uncle of Mickie Gibbs, 16 Graystone Farm Dr., Corbin, KY 40701

Retiree – **Wells, Anthony M.**, on 2/9/2018, ORDMM, husband of Ann L. Wells, 55 Lincoln Pkwy, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Spouse – **Wiggins, Ruth S.**, on 2/22/2018, wife of Ralph L. Wiggins, ORDPMV, 401 N. Pine Lane, Wood Dale, IL 60191



Letters & Notes



Martha Gooselaw

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:

Tom Barnes, Everett Bell, Joan Curtin, Kathryn Flynn, Christina Gallagher, Clyde Johnson, Agnes Jones, Lynn Kalwelt, Norma Kopel, Janet Lockhart, Joseph Schauer, Janet Smithberg, Gwen Williams.

WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:

(Although we welcome the statements expressed in the many letters submitted, the comments & opinions)

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Since my husband, Joseph Brabo, passed away in December 2017, I have relocated to be near our son and his family in Washington State.

My husband and I founded the "Indy Racers" in Indianapolis. I was its secretary for 10 years.

Upon settling down, I plan to join the "Emerald City Slickers" in Seattle.

Carrie Ettredge, 606 Woodland St., Denton, TX 76209

Of particular interest are the ever changing pass policies and procedures. It has gotten a "Thank You" for all you do to keep us retirees in the loop.

It's a little more complicated than just writing your destination on a paper and handing it to the agent, but it is a lot easier to check the loads now.

I just watched a video, www.businessinsider.com/

flight-attendant-united-airlines-day-in-the-life-2018-2. There are a lot of changes. The FA's use apps now. I flew for 38 years; the last was from DEN. The last few years I flew to HNL, had a 24 hour layover, DHD home, once a week.

I am working a similar job now, a part time substitute teacher. I have lots of days off, a flexible schedule and I pick up jobs off of an app.

Hello to all my old flying partners.

Carole Rogers, 2418 Welworth Ave., Rockford, IL 61108

Oops, can it really be this time again, so soon. Seems the faster I get, the older I go. 25 years retired from ORDCS tomorrow. I am now 83 with a new knee in October 2017; so I am ready to go back to work.

Tom and I are hanging in there like all of the rest of the "Golden Years" people. It is golden for the doctors anyway.

We don't do much traveling any more; it is too much with 2 fake knees and a pacemaker. All the bells and whistles go off.

Thank you for all your hard work by keeping us up to date on every thing.

Ruth Marston, 12422 E. Caspian Dr., Aurora, CO 80014

Here it is another year already.

At 87, I don't drive much any more. Falling has become a problem, so I am using a cane these days.

My general health is very good; but I have problems with arthritis in my hands.

I miss coming to the breakfasts and seeing every one.

Virginia Monaco, 516 Camdon Cir., Bartlett, IL 60103

Thank you once again for the friendly reminder to pay my dues. I apologize for not sending it sooner.

I also want to thank all the people in Denver who do all the hard work in keeping our newsletters going.

It is so nice to know what is happening to our co-workers and friends. Our United family has always been the major part of our lives. May we all continue to stay strong.

Myriam Lubin Tashima, 24219 Western Ave., Unit G, Harbor City, CA 90710

Thank you all for keeping all of us retirees informed. I was reading the last issue and noticed my renewal date.

I was happy to see Donna & Hal Klobe in the Las Vegas convention picture. They worked very hard to hold our group together.

Best wishes to all.

Notes

Sammy Frazier

"Life is good!"

Edward Dawes

I moved to Denver in November 2015.

Nancy Brock

I do not receive the paper newsletter anymore. Could you please check to see if I did not send in my dues? It certainly was an oversight if I did not. Please let me know and I will take care of it immediately. Thank you and sorry to bother you with this!

James Johnston

I appreciate the hard work that RUAEA does to fight for retirees and keeping us informed of the changes that take place to help make our retirement days more enjoyable.

Richard Shanahan

This my best way to keep up with UAL. I only worked there for 11 years and have been retired for 22 years but I really enjoyed my time at SFO overhaul base and HOU.

Joanne Halt

RUAEA has been a great help in adjusting to the new technology in Flying Together and in representing us retirees. It is amazing, but I am now retired longer than when I worked at UA and we can still get standby seats! I value my years in the airline industry and those who worked in it. It is a special part of my work history.

Leon Wyant

My wife and I go to Southern California for the winter months. We are usually there between October and May. We are enjoying our retirement.

Jackie Szymanski

It's great seeing names from the past!

Joseph Benton

I retired on January 20, 2018 after 25 years of service.

James Summerfield

Another year of retirement. Thanks be to God!

A special thanks to all of the RUAEA Officers, Directors, Newsletter and Website Personnel, and Secretaries regarding the tremendous effort they put in to make RUAEA function so well, keeping us together as a United family. Looking forward to the convention in Cleveland and seeing all of our United friends once again. ☒

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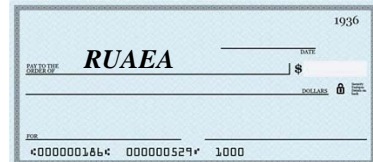
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If you ever wondered how the pilot on your flight's P.A. system knew so much about the area below ... chances are he was reading from the Skycopedia written by United Captain Milt Jines. The following excerpts have been selected at random.

Lake City Colorado: Several small lakes nearby, among them Crystal (west) and San Crystobal (south) give Lake City its name.

Another name that's familiar around Lake City is that of Alferd Packer (really now what good could come from anyone named Alferd?), more affectionately known as the "Colorado Cannibal".

On November 8, 1873, as a guide for a party of 21 prospectors, Alferd left Bingham Canyon, Utah to go to the Colorado Goldfields. In April of the following year, he arrived alone but well-fed and free-spending at the Los Pinos Agency, 75 miles north of Lake City. It was later determined that Alferd had literally lived off five of his friends, first murdering, then robbing, and finally, munching off their flesh (after all what are friends for?).

He was tried, convicted, and sentenced to hang. It is reported (apocryphally) that the judge said at the sentencing, "Packer, you so-and-so, you have eaten half the Democrats in Hinsdale County". Obviously, Al's Republican sympathizers came to the rescue, he was granted a new trial on a technicality and sentenced to 40 years for manslaughter. He served in the Colorado Pen (Canyon City) from 1886 to 1901 (paroled).

Lake City commemorated the hundredth anniversary of the Colorado man-eater's exploits by having a barbecue; the proposed motto? "Have a Friend for Dinner", of course!

At least one Packer Club has been formed in Colorado, based in Denver (Packer died in Littleton, a suburb of Denver in 1907) and there is at least one cookbook in print ... and the university students up in Boulder created an Alferd Packer Memorial Grill, serving Packer Burgers, of course! OK, enough of this. Eat your lunch!

St. Joseph, Michigan (Pop. 9,622): - On Lake Michigan at the mouth of the St. Joseph River (thus the name). On the south bank across from its "twin city", Benton Harbor, St. Joseph is a terminus for shipping lines (petroleum, coal, agricultural lime, etc.)

The Wright Brothers are credited with being the first to achieve powered, heavier-than-air flight (Kitty Hawk, 1903). But some sources will argue that feat was accomplished 5 years earlier right here on the St. Joseph public beach in October 1898 by Augustus Moore Herring who is reported to have flown a compressed-air motor-driven craft for seven seconds. The Wrights' Flight lasted 12 seconds (and of course they took care to document the event with photographs and eye-witnesses).

Herring is, however, credited with defining the principles of lift, specifically the convex upper wing surface.

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina: It was named for a brand of "rot gut" Medford rum that was so bad it could "kill the devil". On the top of Kill Devil Hill stands the Wright Brothers National Memorial (60 feet high), dedicated in November 1932 "In Commemoration of the Conquest of the Air".

On December 17, 1903, thirty-six year old Wilbur Wright and his thirty-two year old brother, Orville, both from Dayton, Ohio became what is believed by many (and disputed by others) to be the first to successfully make a powered flight.

The Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. is not too interested in examining the evidence (of earlier flights) because in 1948 it signed a contract with the executors of the Wright estate.

Did you know Wilbur believed the airplane would make war impossible? He felt that observing from the air could expose an army's movements to such a degree as to make battle impossible.

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