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## 2018 CLEVELAND CONVENTION MEMORIES



*Standing ~ Ron & Barbara Bertacini, Robin & Dave Garland, Angie Dellinger, Jim Simon, Frank Dellinger. Sitting ~ Marji Gabert-Milam, Francis Domaratius, Sonda Sandstedt, Veronica Domaratius*



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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



**Don Burbank**  
**RUAEA President**

Hi everyone,

Our hearts and prayers go out to all our retired family in California and especially the Paradise area with the destructive fires and now mudslides. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to ask.

We are still working the RUAEA app as to whether it would be beneficial or not.

We are still working with the company on several issues that have not been resolved but they are talking to us.

Please keep your thoughts and prayers with all our friends in California.

## From The Executive Vice President



On Sunday, October 7, 2018, my wife and I had the pleasure of attending Family Day at the SF Maintenance Base for our first time.

As in years past, **Ron & Barbara Bertacini** had a table for RUAEA, where they shared information, RUAEA Newsletters and RUAEA applications with anyone interested. My wife, Barbara and I joined them and had a good time even though we were selling RUAEA T-shirts and caps all day. We met so many nice folks with whom we had the opportunity to tell about RUAEA. Also joining us at the table were **Rich & Georgia Bouska**, **Jan Soderstrom**, and **Arnold Hansen**. **Marian Bruns** wore a vintage flight attendant uniform. **Rich Bouska** wore his pilot uniform.

If you have never attended this event, I highly recommend doing so. It is a fun day for adults and kids alike.

**Heads Up RUAEA Members** ~ The baseball caps and T-shirts are available for purchase with the RUAEA insignia embroidered on them. T-shirts are sky blue, sizes S-XL. Caps are dark blue with red lettering and are adjustable. T-shirts are \$16 and caps are \$17. We are trying to raise \$ for RUAEA through sales. If interested, please contact Executive V.P. **Tom Cunningham** at [tbcunningham@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham@gmail.com).

**Tom Cunningham**  
**RUAEA Executive Vice President**

## RUAEA New Auditors

After many years working behind the scenes as the RUAEA Auditor, **Ed Myer** is resigning. He has shared his experience and expertise with us, spending many hours working, along with our Treasurer, **Pam Ziebarth**, to keep our finances in order. Although many of us are unaware of his service, his contribution has been invaluable. Thank you, Ed for your many years/many hours of service.

Fortunately, **Virgil Gooselaw** and **Jim Simon** have two members with experience in finances who volunteered to share the Auditor position. **Dolly & John Taucher** will accept the position. They are known by many as members of the very successful Cleveland Convention Committee 2018. We welcome them to the RUAEA Board of Directors. For those of you who do not know John & Dolly, we have a brief introduction:

Although **John Taucher** is the person who worked for United Airlines (34 years), **Dolly Taucher** has been very active in the Ohio Buckeyes.



Dolly was born and still lives in the Cleveland area. With an education in accounting and business law, her work experience spans the past 58 years. She worked 4½ years for Tri-City Senior Center, a non-profit 501c3, as Comptroller/Business Manager/Human Resources. The Senior Center had the same tax-exempt status as RUAEA. She also was comptroller for an international engineering company. Dolly also performed audits of client records for a CPA firm, and conducted criminal investigations within companies.

When Dolly became president of the Ohio Buckeyes Chapter, she immediately filed for 501c7, a non-profit status, to Federal and State Tax Departments which has reduced members lunch costs. As Co-Chairperson of the CLE Convention she set it up with the hotel and all tours so no sales tax was charged. Dolly volunteered for the Ohio Buckeyes Chapter: 2000-Secretary-3 years; 2003-Treasurer-7 years; and 2010-President-9 years to the present.

Dolly's company, T&A, was established in 1968 and is still functioning today.

Dolly and her husband, John are members of their high school class reunion committee. Yes, Dolly & John were classmates. She is also Financial Chairperson for the alumni of all classes. She loved remodeling their house with John and landscaping the yard.



**John Taucher** ~ John was born and still lives in the Cleveland area. He served in the U.S. Navy, and upon discharge joined United Airlines in CLECS. During his 34-year career with United, he served 14 years working in another state (PHL-3, SFO-2, and IAD-9). Starting in CLECS, he moved up to OZ, GO/PV, and retired from United in 1997 as IAD-PV/GQ Field Service Foreman of the Atlantic District. John has received numerous awards throughout his career.

He has been a member of RUAEA and is very actively involved with the Ohio Buckeyes Chapter. John enjoys working side-by-side with his wife, Dolly (Chapter President). He is the webmaster/editor of the chapter's website,

[www.ualohiobuckeyes.org](http://www.ualohiobuckeyes.org).

John & Dolly were married just 7 weeks after he joined United. They have 2 children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. John enjoys cooking, computers, home & yard maintenance, and chapter luncheons.

### **Pass Travel Updates by Kirk Moore** **RAFA Travel Benefits Committee, November 25**



Read this Update on our website, the links may work better: <https://www.rafa-cwa.org/page-1836169>

1. **EF enrollment for retirees is now OPEN** ~ Until 7 PM CT on Dec 29, 2018 update your Enrolled Friends for the next travel period (January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30, 2019). Go to [ft@ual.com](mailto:ft@ual.com), log in and click on the "Travel tab"; then click on "Manage pass riders".

If you don't have any changes to make then no action is needed (your current EFs will automatically roll over).

**Before calling the ETC with questions** read the enrollment guide for retirees:

<https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retireepasstravel/pass-travel-enrollment-for-retirees>

All retirees should have received an email from the ETC about Enrolled Friends. If you did not then check your junk/spam folder and make sure your contact information with United is up-to-date (go to FT > employee services > Health & Insurance YBR > Your Profile in the upper right).

2. **employeeRES "New" is now LIVE!** The New employeeRES is now available on Flying Together for pass travel listing, loads and travel management. It has a look/feel similar to [united.com](http://united.com), it's mobile-friendly and there are cool new features including:
  - a) **Flight Watch:** monitor up to 10 different segments to multiple destinations without creating a listing. You can customize notifications, so you get updated passenger boarding totals (PBTs) when you want them.
  - b) **Open Search:** see flights with most available seats to a destination
  - c) **Potential Misconnects:** Within 24 hours of your flight, you can get an idea of the number of revenue customers who may miss their connecting flights
  - d) **myUADiscount:** prices displayed right in employeeRES!

Go to [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com), log in and then click on the Travel tab. Notice both “employeeRES New” and “employeeRES” in the left column are currently active. We highly recommend you use “employeeRES New” right away. While there, click on “Personal Profile” to confirm all information transferred over OK; also, check your “Traveler Profiles”. In a few weeks all traffic will be directed to “employeeRES New”.

United sent retirees an email about the New employeeRES. If you did not receive it then check your junk/spam folder and make sure your contact information with United is up-to-date (go to FT > employee services > Health & Insurance YBR > Your Profile in the upper right).

**BEFORE calling the ETC with questions** about the new employeeRES, read this: <https://ft.ual.com/travel/new-employeeeres-information>. There are FAQs, how-to guides and a step-by-step booking tutorial.

**Important Notes: The old employeeRES will be discontinued on December 13th.**

- a) We suggest you explore your “Manage profile” area on the “My Profile” tab of employeeRES New. “My Profile” can also be accessed via “Quick Links” > “Employee travel profile”.  
Scroll down to set up notifications for same-day travel alerts, verify your contact info with the ETC for booking confirmations and choose how often to have Flight Watch notifications emailed to you.  
Note: The Company is aware some Mileage Plus numbers have not yet appeared in eRES New Profiles; they are working on it.
  - b) Currently the “Verification of Eligibility Letter” in Quick Links does not work. The company is aware and will be fixing it. Until December 13<sup>th</sup>, you may download and print a “Verification of Eligibility Letter” from your Profile on the old employeeRES > Quick Links.
  - c) Your pass riders who have access to book and manage travel will still use the old version of their site temporarily. The ETC will let us know in advance when they will switch over.
  - d) There are LOTS of **Quick Links** in “employeeRES New”. Scroll around for direct links to myUAdiscount, pass travel report, retiree badge, FAQs, travel attire & policies, Other Airline Travel (ZED ticketing with MyIDTravelPurchase) and much more. Try “employeeRES New” on your computer, smartphone and tablet.
3. **Have you seen our RAFA website?**
- ✓ Check out the Travel Benefits tab here: <https://www.rafa-cwa.org>
  - ✓ Read the Pass Travel Program Summary, helpful links, phone numbers & more.
  - ✓ For other Pass Travel Topics: [Previous Travel UPDATES](#)

### **In-flight aircraft data gives techs a running start**



Troubleshooting used to be something UA maintenance technicians couldn't start doing until the aircraft was on the ground, but in recent years United has been an industry leader in analyzing data from aircraft in flight. That helps UA Tech Ops teams be fully prepared to get to the work with parts and tooling in hand.

The Technical Services department has increased the use of Boeing's Airplane Health Management (AHM) platform and internal development of systems using Palantir Foundry, a data analytics tool. That increase is credited, along with many other initiatives and programs, with helping United's delay and cancel rates decline appreciably over the past few years.

*"It's always United's technicians doing the work that have the greatest impact on United's reliability, but United is providing them with the combination of aircraft data and technical understanding that is enabling them to spend more time executing the maintenance mission, fixing it right the first time,"* said AHM Senior Manager Rick Searway, who leads a team that monitors hundreds of aircraft on a 24/7 basis.

Recently, an analyst noticed an unusual variation in the output temperature of an aircraft air conditioning pack, which, if left unattended, could cause the other pack to overheat. By knowing where to focus their efforts, technicians discovered irregularities in the ducting with a quick, inexpensive fix, averting a much costlier and impactful replacement.

Another noticed a pattern of low oil quantity readings on a Boeing 787 starter system; this is something UA was able to address with Boeing AHM before it became an issue that could have led to a costly cancellation.

Real time alerts when anything out of the ordinary occurs help United's analysts quickly determine whether the event might have a history on a particular aircraft. This helps the company identify and rectify chronic or repeated issues by tackling problems before they surface.

*“We have not only the entire history of an aircraft, but can look at what’s happening with similar aircraft in the fleet,” Rick said. “Since all the participating operators share AHM information, the data from the global airline fleet can help individual operators make improvements in their operations.”*

Long-term, predictive monitoring systems are key components of a more efficient maintenance environment. United is taking steps to streamline a disconnected collection of legacy tools and eventually offer a single, in-house predictive maintenance platform and single user interface to handle aircraft and engine data.

*“We are at a turning point in the industry where, with the rise of big data and data analytics, aircraft operators can take maintenance into their own hands and start to predict more failures than ever before,”* said AHM Engineer Sean Bushkov.

### **United Tech wins Laureate Award**



United’s Tech Ops modernization effort and its most well-known component, the Tech Ops Mobility program, brought home Aviation Week Network’s coveted Laureate Award in the Commercial Aviation/MRO category.

As Aviation Week & Space Technology announced, *“United developed a mobile app that connects its 6,000 line mechanics with everything they need to diagnose issues and get out-of-service aircraft flying again—all without touching a paper manual or a desktop computer.”*

*“This award is a testament to the dedication and teamwork of so many people in Tech Ops, in Digital Technology and other departments to bring us to this stage,”* said Tech Ops SVP Kris Bauer. *“We are leading the industry in this area, and it’s gratifying to be recognized with such a prestigious award.”*

The majority of technicians and inspectors embraced Tech Ops Mobility quickly, largely because they were the primary designers, Maintenance Operations VP Don Wright noted. *“The apps and user interfaces were developed by and specifically for the front-line teams using the tools in the field,”* Don said.

Kris also pointed out that while United has deployed iPads across Line Maintenance, the program is continually evolving, with improvements based directly on user feedback, and United is in the early stages of expanding mobility into other areas, such as parts of Base Maintenance. United is also working on a wide range of other modernization projects that will improve user experiences and interfaces in virtually every corner of Tech Ops.

*“In many ways, United’s digital transformation is just beginning,”* Kris said. *“This is a major investment in the future of Tech Ops and how we can contribute to United’s success.”*

The winners of the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual Laureate Awards will be honored on March 14, 2019, at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C. At that time a Grand Laureate in each of the four categories will be named from among the winners, so United is eligible for that top prize in the Commercial Aviation category.

### **Torgy’s Travel Tips – New eRES and Carry-on Bag Updates**



2019 brings us a new year and a new Employee Res booking system, called eRES.

You have been hearing about it for the last several months and the opportunity to preview the new system has been open to all since November 2018. The finishing touches should be complete, and we should all be migrating to the new system by the time you pop that cork on New Year’s Eve. Once the new system is fully operational, the old EmpRes will be removed. I’ll take the opportunity to acquaint with you some of the new program’s nuances in this month’s column. I’ll also advise you on some important carry-on bag policy enforcements which will be prudent to heed when packing for your next trip. So, go sign into [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com) and follow along!

From the Home page, click the Travel tab, then EmployeeRES taking you directly to the Search Flight screen. Think of this screen as your hub. From here, you can navigate to just about anything related to travel. This is not only where you begin listing for a flight, but also where you find the tab offs to OA flight tkts and listing, employee discounts, CDC and government travel advisories, managing your eligible travelers and much, much more.

Let’s say you want to list for a flight. Here are a couple of new features. The default is now set to **One-**

**Way travel.** This is the best way to create your listings as it prevents the computer from cancelling your return listing if you end up not making it on your outbound flight. Next, you'll note that you must indicate the traveler names before you are shown availability. This is because the computer now evaluates each traveler's eligibility for use of passes, myUAdiscount, enrolled friend benefits and unaccompanied minor travel. When availability is then displayed, you now have 3 options: SELECT, WATCH or NEED A GUARANTEED SEAT.

SELECT will create a listing in just 2 screens. Simply choose the cabin/class of service and which ID document you will use at check-in and then proceed to the final screen for a flight recap and display of any costs. Note that flight numbers are only displayed if you click "Details".

WATCH allows you monitor the flight load of up to 10 different flights, without making a listing. You can then dynamically observe the changing seat count, authorized booking level and your standby position if you were to actually list. Updates can be sent to you electronically as well. When you eventually decide on the flight you like, simply click the yellow highlighted "View in flight search results" box. This will bring you back into listing mode and you can proceed to make your listing. Be mindful that the computer defaults to one traveler, so be sure to add additional traveler names, if desired.

NEED A GUARANTEED SEAT displays the cost of a revenue ticket using myUAdiscount and takes you to that booking screen if you click on the fare shown. Note: when using this feature, be sure your computer's browser does not block pop-ups or you will not be taken to the appropriate booking screen.

Once hidden inside Quick Links, Custom Routing can now also be found on the initial Search Flight screen. This gem is used when you and your travel partner are meeting at a hub city and traveling together from that point on. Only 1 pass is deducted if you both travel on the longest segment together, provided you create your listings using custom routing.

Advanced search options such as Open Search are also found on the same initial Search Flight screen. If you don't care *where* you fly but just want to know which flights have the most empty seats out of your city, use this option. Or, if you have a specific destination in mind and want to know which flights have the lightest load that reaches this city, try it out. It works pretty well.

Another very handy new tool is called Potential Misconnects. On the Flight Search Results screen, click "Details" located beneath the departure city. Next, click Boarding Totals and notice the far-right column header called Misconnects. Clicking "View All" gives you an idea of the number of revenue customers who may miss their connecting flight. This feature is for flights within 24 hours.

Most of the remainder of travel related resources are conveniently located together in Quick Links, which is now found at the top of the Search Flight screen. Such items as other airline travel, MyIDPurchase, ID90Travel, pass calculator, verification of eligibility letter, request for refund forms as well as employee discounts, travel policies and employee profile are located here. If you need to update your eligible travel members, use this site.

One more note, the new system is not yet ready for use by enrolled friends or those to whom you have granted listing access under your file number. Those folks will continue using the old version until that function is added. Look for an announcement when that is available.

The new eRES is well designed, easy to use and functions like the united.com website. Don't be shy give it a try!

Now a word about carry-on bags – customer service and inflight service are working hard to expedite the boarding process to eliminate congestion in the aisle caused by full overhead bins. As a result, be aware that if you bring a **bag with wheels** to the gate as your carry-on, you may be forced to check that bag if you are in boarding group 5, **even if you intend to place it under the seat**. Flight attendants now count the empty bin space and communicate with the gate agent as bin space gets tight. When the bins are nearly full, the gate agent tags **all bags with wheels** as you enter the Jetway. Even if your wheeled bag is designed to fit under the seat, it will still be taken. So, be sure that you place any medications or other vital necessities in your pocket, purse or shoulder bag before you get to the gate, just in case!

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and happy New Year and please say "hi" if you see me at the airport!

## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

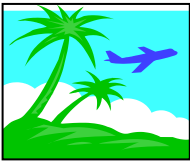
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*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager.* Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel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

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## LOCAL NEWS

### ALABAMA



#### GULF COAST

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I felt that the meeting of our group was to welcome me back to the scribe position. Ray handed me the paperwork and the instructions for submitting the chapter report, as soon as he saw me come through the door.

He and Mai will be visiting in Vietnam until March 2019. We wish **Bill Delavan** a speedy recovery and return for the December Toys for Tots gifting, and our fun day with the Dirty Santa Game. (At least two of our members have the rules of the game deeply embedded in their heads).

We are blessed with a good turnout, even with the rain and tornado threat that kept **Barbara Serra** at home. **Bill Hayden** had the raffle tickets at the ready, and wouldn't you know, **Ed Southworth** would win again. **Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl**, **Ray & Mai Owens**, and **Bill Hayden** held down their end of the table, while President **Conrad Hamilton**, **Kim Ray**, **George & Desneige Atteberry**, and **Ed** (money bags) **Southworth**, held down the other end. **Rich & Maureen Hurst**, **John & Myrl** (our coordinator in Chief) **Eisinger**, along with the trusted **Bob & Carol Dorsey**, held the table, stable, in the middle.

**Maureen Hurst** is a treasure store of info concerning Space A Military flights. The aircraft are similar to airline types, and the service is with a smile. (one catch is that you have to be retired military or government worker)

It's time to come and join us, because food and fun is who we are. Meet us at the Cubi Bar Café on NAS Pensacola, FL at the Aviation Museum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 11:30.

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There is no report this month from the Sweet Home Alabama chapter of RUAEA.

We meet every second Monday in even numbered months. Our next meeting will be our Christmas meeting, with the date and place not yet determined. If you would like more information, please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

## ARIZONA



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

As always, the Azures have a Breakfast meeting every other Wednesday at 8:30 A.M. at Lou's Tivoli Gardens hosted by **Sherry Muoio** and **Suzie Hughes**. 12535 W Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85378. The next scheduled breakfasts are 11/14, 11/28 and 12/12. All are invited, call Sherry or Suzie if you will be attending, (602) 312-5117 or [phx22@cox.net](mailto:phx22@cox.net).



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Happy New Year! We hope the new year will bring many blessings to all of our United Airlines friends and their families. We hope our Re-United Chapter will continue to grow, along with RUAEA, as it is an important connection with United Airlines as to what will be happening in the months and years to come. It is always nice to keep up what is happening with our fellow retirees throughout the system. We hope more retirees will consider attending the next RUAEA Convention in Denver, Colorado next September, as it always is fun and also informative on what is going on with the company as well keeping up with new things happening with our benefits.

We continue to meet for Breakfast once a month, normally on the fourth Friday at 9:15 a.m. at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert. We have a private room, inside to the left of the main entrance. Our monthly luncheons are held at different restaurants, hosted by members of our chapter. We love having visitors, so if you're in the area to enjoy our beautiful Arizona weather, and have either worked for United or Continental at any time and over 55 years old, we would love to have you join us. If you want any further information about our meetings, please contact our President, **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at [Indind75@yahoo.com](mailto:Indind75@yahoo.com), or contact our Vice-President, **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). They will be happy to answer any questions you might have about our meetings. Our January Breakfast will be held on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Black Bear Diner.

Our November 8<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Zur Kate German Restaurant had 30 people attending, with five guests enjoying our luncheon. The guests were **Rosemarie & Kris Schaeffer** from Mesa, AZ; **Clarence & Maxine Warwick** from Mesa, and **Gwen Feick**, also from Mesa. One of our members, **Jay Hartough**, was not feeling well, and didn't attend. President **Shirley Claggett** talked about Veterans Day coming up in a couple of days and paid tribute to all servicemen and women. Shirley mentioned that recently the last four containers of

remains were buried at the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel outside of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. If you ever get a chance to go to Shanksville to see this Memorial, it is something worth visiting. Thanks to **Cindy & Ferrol Hilsabeck** for hosting this wonderful luncheon of German food.

Our November 16 Breakfast had 21 people attending. It was so nice to see **Bill & Molly Norwood** there as we haven't seen them for quite a while. They go on cruises a lot! We talked about the Breakfast scheduled for December 28; but this was later changed by the Manager of the Black Bear Diner, as they need our space for more seating for their diners. So, the Breakfast was held Friday, December 14. Our January Luncheon has been scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral, 1318 N. Cooper Rd. in Gilbert. Decorating for the Fantasy Flight took place on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Cutter Aviation Hanger just off I-10 and 24<sup>th</sup> Street. The Fantasy Flight took place Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for all the deserving children. **John & Joann Griffin** mentioned they have made reservations for Saturday, February 2, 2019 for the Silver Star Theater for the Rock and Roll performance. If we can get there by 11:00 a.m., we will be able to be seated early. The cost will be \$36 per person. Everyone enjoyed it so much last year, so hope more people will attend from our chapter. We got front row seating again!

Our Christmas Luncheon was held Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in the Saguaro room of the Cottonwood Country Club in Sun Lakes, with 29 members attending. Everyone enjoyed this special luncheon before Christmas. It helps put us in the Holiday mood, as Christmas is not that far off. Thanks to **Pinky Kubiak** for setting up this luncheon and for Shirley and Peggy making final plans for this luncheon. Everyone enjoyed the delicious luncheon, and even voted unanimously to have it at Cottonwood Country Club next year. Our member, **Judy Burtner**, agreed to set it up next year about the same time. A 50/50 drawing was held as well as two beautiful candles that were donated by **Kathy Brigante**, plus money was taken out of our treasury and divided up into \$20 increments for more prizes. Members also donated money to give to Shannon, our waitress at the Black Bear Diner, as a gift for her at Christmas. A truly wonderful luncheon enjoyed by all!

Don't forget about paying your annual dues of \$5.00 each to **Ferrol Hilsabeck**, our treasurer. It's due January 1<sup>st</sup>. You can give your check to Ferrol at one of our meetings, or mail your check to him at 2625 N. Hogan Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85215. Be sure to let him know if you have any changes in your address, e-mail, or phone, as we need to have that information for our Membership Directory, which is available in April. This helps keep our records up-to-date.

Nominations for officers for our Chapter to be elected in February, should definitely be thought about, so please consider taking either the President, Vice President, Treasurer/Membership, Secretary, Historian, Sunshine or Sheriff positions. It doesn't take a lot of your time; plus it's nice to have a change every so often of officers, and get some new ideas.

Our January Birthdays for our members or spouses are: **John Gaudio** (1/5), **Molly Norwood** (1/14), **Ferrol Hilsabeck** (1/15), **Judy McFarland** (1/22), **Barb Paymaster** (1/22), **Carole Hinkle** (1/24), **Linda Cooper-Koltz** (1/25), and **Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/28). Happy Birthday to each of you! We have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary in January: **Dillon & Dakota Morris-Terry** (1/8) and **Jay & Barbara Hartough** (1/16/71). Congratulations to both couples!

#### Calendar:

**January 9** – Luncheon at the Golden Corral, 1318 N. Cooper Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 11:00 a.m., hosted by **Ginny & Fred Rockenhauser**. Please contact them at (480) 655-1419, or by e-mail at [bvrock@cox.net](mailto:bvrock@cox.net).

**January 25** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let our Vice President **Peggy Snowdall** know by phone at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) by January 23, if you will be attending.

**February 2** – Silver Star Theater, 5247 E. Brown Rd. in Mesa, hosted by **John & Joanne Griffin**, (815) 404-7979. or by e-mail at [jigriffual@yahoo.com](mailto:jigriffual@yahoo.com).

**February 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.

### TALL PINES

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There is no report this month from the Tall Pines chapter of RUAEA.



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

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We look forward to seeing you.

### CALIFORNIA

#### CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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

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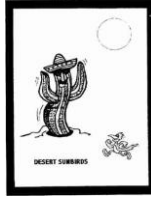
We did not meet in November so there is not much news to report. I did see the seating arrangements in the new 787-10 Dreamliner. There's 44 seats in 1<sup>st</sup> class, 21 seats in Premium Plus, 54 in Economy plus seats, and 199 in Economy seats. I'm glad I don't fly anymore. With my luck, and the standby situation, I'd get stuck in the Economy seating which doesn't look too comfortable. I'm just spoiled since I started with the airlines in 1950 when it was a pleasure to fly, and passengers were a pleasure to sit next to.

I've read **Dale Harper**'s newsletter regarding the health of his wife and our thoughts and prayers are with them both.

Our next meeting will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at **Bob & Marcia Stanger**'s home. At that time we will setting up our meetings for next year.

## **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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President **Mike Bailardo** was our host for the Sunbirds' Luncheon in November. We dined at the Big Rock Club in Indio, the restaurant in the Indian Springs Golf Club. Thirty-one Sunbirds and three guests (**Nikki Campbell-Smith**, guest of **Al Beuchel** and **Mark Kaplan**, and **Sandy Sereno's** guests, **Jean Jones** and **Marilyn Sturgis**).

Our Founder, **Elaine Aggson**, is still recovering from her hip bone replacement. But the good news is that she is planning to come to our Christmas Luncheon. I know that all our members will be happy to see her.

**Mark Kaplan** won \$50.00 in the 50/50 Drawing, and the Birthday Lunch winner was **Werner Brunken**. Our host added two items to the drawing; Panera Bread, won by **Marilyn Sturgis**; and **Flo Shilts** won a bottle of Champagne.

Our Featured Sunbird of the Month, **Chris Noel** ~ Chris was attending UCSB, Santa Barbara (Accounting Major), when she was hired by United (an on-campus recruiter). A girlfriend had told her that if she was hired by UAL, she could fly to Hawaii for free. She thought this would happen immediately, but she did not see Hawaii for several years.

Chris graduated Stewardess School in July of 1966. Her first Base was Chicago. She thought she would freeze to death in the Winter. She flew for a couple years - and then got married. United fired her! Chris went back to school, became an accountant, and put her husband through Law School.

In 1983, Chris was asked by attorneys representing the "McDonald" Class Action Law Suit to testify at the Hearing. The McDonald Law Suit was to determine if the Airlines could legally fire Stewardesses when they married.

When the case was won, Chris went back to training in August of 1984. Training completed, she chose LAX as her domicile. She had given up a good job to return to United, but her former boss (Accounting), offered Chris her old job back, working any hours she wanted. She continued flying, but did end up working both jobs for a couple of years.

Things got better as LAX got more International flights. She flew everywhere, enjoying theater, art, and history. Shopping was not her thing!

Chris moved from Orange County to Palm Desert in 1994. But the drive to LAX became more difficult (approx. 2½ hours), so she transferred to SFO (1 hour flight) in 2002. SFO also had more International flying, and her seniority allowed her to fly pretty much where she wanted.

Chris flew until 2016, just short of her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with UAL. She is loving retirement, and using her retirement benefits to see the whole world (with her new man in her life - a fellow Sunbird).

Chris says, *"I feel I was really blessed to be able to work for United. The "Work" was sometimes very long and hard, but the benefits are wonderful!"*

## **EAST BAY DIABLOS**



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We met on December 3 at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill with 26 members in attendance. Our holiday party is our most special and favorite meeting of the year. What a wonderful meal we had! Zio Fraedo's is known for their prime rib, and the other entrée choices, salmon and chicken cordon bleu, were also excellent. The appetizers were tasty, the salad was crisp, and the dessert of mascarpone was a real treat. I had the prime rib and I think it was the largest piece of meat I've ever had. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Wilma Leather** acted as cashiers. Wilma made these darling favors of a snowman ornament from a battery operated tea light. He's wearing red earmuffs and his nose lights up. Members with button down shirts or sweaters wore the ornaments and it was

really cute to see them lit up. **Carol Parks** gave everyone a goodie bag with several pieces of candy. Social hour was from 11:00 to noon and then we had lunch, followed by a raffle. **Rich Bouska** won the 50-50 raffle. We all contributed a gift to the raffle so everyone was also a winner! We had lovely gifts of wine, handmade soap, candy, cookies, and even a Christmas decoration of Santa in an airplane. Members brought in Toys for Tots and we took a van full of toys to the local fire station.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. RUPA's next cruise is July 2019. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says "the more the merrier" (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). (I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful time. A very welcoming and personable group I'd love to travel with again). The 2018 cruise was on a riverboat, so spaces were limited, but the 2019 cruise is on a big boat so space should not be a problem.

There are three options for this cruise. Option One is a 12-day cruise departing July 7 from Rome eastbound to Sarande Albania, Olympia, Athens, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Crete, with a stop in Pompei on the way back to Rome. Option Two is a 10-day cruise departing July 19 from Rome westward to Cartagena, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Livorno and Monte Carlo. Option Three is a 22-day cruise combining options one and two departing Rome on July 7. For more information, please contact Rich Bouska direct at [rbouska1@comcast.net](mailto:rbouska1@comcast.net) or (925) 443-4339.

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year. If the first Monday in January falls on New Year's Day, we meet on Tuesday because most restaurants are closed that day. Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

- Monday, January 7, 2019 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.
- Monday, February 4 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.
- Monday, March 4 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.
- Monday, April 1 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.

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 special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) or (925) 846-8123 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.

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President **Vera Kina** opened our regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a few moments of silence for our military service members and for those who lost their homes in the devastating fires here in California. Our hearts go out to all those affected. This is our last formal meeting for the year and we enjoyed a delicious potluck luncheon provided by our chefs and chefesses (new word!) – we even had some leftovers. **Don & Dorothy Reuszer** may have moved to Idaho but her famous Corn Casserole made an appearance at the feast. Copying a recipe is the best form of praise, we do miss you!

Our Final Hurrah for 2018 will be on December 5 – Our Annual Christmas special open to all members. We hope to have a good turnout at the Fish Market in San Mateo.

As no one leaped up to volunteer to fill the Board openings (President / Secretary / Treasurer / Membership / Auditor / Ticket guru / Historian) - wait a minute! Isn't that all of the Board? Sigh ... well, we all will stay glued to our respective chairs for 2019. Special thanks to all on the Board (we will try not to bore you!)

Interim Recording Secretary **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes which were approved as read.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** announced that we are not in the red. Dues (\$15pp) are due and should be sent to **Vera Kina** (address at the end of the column.) He will be paying our "rent" fees here at the Rec Center for 2019 – overlooking the lagoon and foothills; we are lucky to have a nice meeting place.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** (and **Jerome**) finished up their duties at the polling facility stating that there was an increase in voting this year. We were saddened to hear that **Bernie Schneider** had passed away on November 15<sup>th</sup>, no word on services as yet. Rest in peace Bernie, we will miss you.

Our hearts and prayers go out to **Dale Harper** (he who keeps us up to date with the comings and goings at UAL) as his wife, **Virginia**, needs much TLC. 90 some candles on the Birthday cake for **Ella Mae Donovan**, happy natal day! **Art & Linda Barrett** are celebrating their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. We haven't heard from **Ben Vietz** who is recouping at home, give a holler Ben! Hope all is going well.

The Auditors, **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** are collecting monies for our Christmas gathering. Reminder: Dues are Due.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** is wrapping up 2018 peregrinations (surely you know what that means!) with our "Sleigh Bells Ring ... are Ya Listenin?" trip December 7 – 10, 2018.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** reminded us that the Golden Gaters will be 57 this coming year!

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze** will distribute food and toys that have been donated to our local charities – thanks all who supplied the treats.

Joining Uniteds' "Greatest" with stories to tell: **Art Barretts'** capsule history starts in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. At an early age, he joined the Army and immediately was sent from snow country to Schofield Barracks in tropical Hawaii. Taking advantage of the open spaces around the airfield he became his own airline. Motorized airplanes were his company. Learning aircraft on a minor scale would eventually lead him to joining United Airlines – he now pilots our Treasury department.

**Jerry Underhill** offered up his own short story. At the service center at SFO, a monkey somehow or other escaped from his cage. He climbed up into the rafters trying to capture some birds who were up there hanging around. Day shift did their best to get him down but failed – the animal control officer was called in but the monkey slapped the cage out of his hands. By this time, the swing shift was on hand and finally succeeded in capturing the wily beast.

Words to the wise: Drive carefully ... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker!

Mele Kalikimaka ... Hau'oli ... Makahiki Hou

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



### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Well, folks, if you weren't one of the 22 Miners who were able to attend our November luncheon at Jack Russell Restaurant in Placerville, you sure missed out! It's nestled into the quaint downtown area. We put in our orders ahead, so our very efficient waitress was able to serve everyone quickly. **Bill & Pati Kenney** along with **J.R. & Rosemary Heier** set all this up for us. They also decorated the table with autumn colors and bottles of wine that were part of the raffle. President **Bill Gibson** gave them a big "Thank You"! Doesn't seem that anyone has an anniversary this month, however, **Pati Kenney** received a hearty Happy Birthday. **Ed & Lindalee Akin** brought their daughter, Julie Bauer.

President ~ **Bill Gibson** had a couple items to share. The room was pretty noisy, so if you didn't catch it all, I'll try to catch you up! Bill talked about the RUAEA annual membership dues increase and pass enrollment.

Vice President ~ Bill asked **Bill Dinette** if he had a report but "No, Sir, do not".

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** was able to join us today. As is our custom, we will be paying \$10.00 for each member's lunch who attends the December luncheon. We do have 2 members who neglected to pay their dues for 2018. Speaking of which, the new year is looming ahead – dues for 2019 can be paid any time!

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** passed around the sign-up sheet for hosting in 2019. Only 5 months have been taken: February will be **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick**; March is **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**; August has **Bill & Linda Dinette**; September is **Bill & Pati Kenney**; October has **Tom & Suzanne Kenny**; and a “maybe” in November for **Thom Biro**. I will be passing the list around in December. If you have a favorite month that you would like to claim before someone else takes it, let me know and I will put your name down.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** didn't have new news to report but she said what we were all thinking how good it was to see **Ed & Lindalee Akin**. So glad that you're doing so much better, Ed.

*Historian* ~ **Thom Biro** was not able to join us today.

*Contributions* ~ So, **Jack Fitzpatrick** wanted to clarify the article about him in a recent newspaper. The picture that was supposed to be on the front page was the one that was in the second page, the one on the front had him looking a bit “wild”. But, then Jack is just a bit “wild” to begin with so no one thought it strange! Jack loves racing!

*Old Business* ~ Okay, hold onto your hats – it was Hangtown Miners election day. In October we took nominations for our six officers. **Bill Dinette** said that **Bill Gibson** was also nominated for president but I did not hear the second. Bill D. again nominated Bill G. and it was seconded. In voting, **Bill Dinette** was chosen for President; **Rudy Blazius** is our new Vice President; **Tom Kenny** will continue as Treasurer; **Jane Gibson** will still be your secretary; **Suzanne Kenny** will stay on as our Sunshine lady; and **Pati Kenney** will be our new Historian. All offices were a unanimous vote.

*New Business* ~ Since our December luncheon is more of a “group effort”, we discussed where to have it and who will cater it. **Bill Dinette** suggested we return to American River Pizza Grill. He will talk to the owners and get quotes for the dinner. We already have our name down at the American Legion Hall in Placerville but have not paid the deposit yet. **Jane Gibson** will contact Leo Cooper (Fit For A King) and see what he can do for us this year. There was some back and forth with concerns that the room we would use at the Grill might be too cold and that the benches aren't user friendly. Bill D will bring that up with the owners. In the past we have had turkey, ham and accompanying side dishes. Tri tip is a possibility as well. The group gave us permission to make the decision. People, please remind me/us to get the discussion going earlier for this luncheon next year!

Bill brought the meeting to a close. **Linda Dinette** won the donator's prize. A big “Thank You” to all who brought things to be raffled: **Blazius** – coasters; **Dinette** – wine & perfume bottles; **Kenney** – floral wall hanging; **Heier** – table decorations; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Gibson** – mixes; **Kenny** – olives; **Kozelka** – white wine.

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Last month I reported how happy we were to have **Skip Householder** join us for our breakfast. Now, with sadness, I report his passing away on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, Thanksgiving Day. I am awaiting information on funeral arrangements and also his burial and Ft. Rosecrans.

**Rosalie Tripicchio** had knee replacement surgery earlier this week and is doing very well. She hopes to be up and around soon. Physical Therapy is next on her schedule.

The United Holiday Dinner Cruise was a great success with many of our retirees attending. It was great to be together with our friends and colleagues, especially those who are still working at the airport. We had a wonderful dinner and many of us hit the dance floor as the music made it very hard not to get up and get lost in the beat.



Left to right, Standing ~ **Paul Zadrozny, Rosalie Tripicchio, Barbara Drews, Betty Tomaino, John & Sandy Cunningham.** Sitting ~ **Barbara Robin, Debbie & Robert Taylor.**

Our January Birthdays are **Betty Tomaino** (1/1) and **Arnold Pollack** (1/20); we will wish them a Happy Birthday at our breakfast on January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Next month I will give a report on our Resans Christmas Lunch which we will be having after this newsletter is submitted.

Happy New Year and a healthy, happy year in 2019!

## **Calendar:**

**January 3** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

## **SACRAMENTO** **GOLD DIGGERS**

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held our Christmas luncheon on December 5 at Las Katarinas Mexican Restaurant in Grass Valley, CA.

President **Frank Dellinger** welcomed everyone and thanked **Sonda Sandstedt** and **Jim Simon** for hosting the luncheon. There were 41 members and 4 new members, **Skip & Teresa Knapp** and **Nelda & Mike Gallego**.

Vice President **Penny Greenacre** thanked all who hosted luncheons in 2018. Our January 30<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be held at Mimi's in Roseville. The February 27<sup>th</sup> luncheon for Past Presidents will be at Claim Jumpers in Roseville.

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report for December. She also reported that it's her birthday. Happy Birthday, Judie!

Sunshine Person **Angie Dellinger** reported that a birthday card was sent to **Harold Esola**.

**Orville Harshbarger** reported that his wife **Carolyn** was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. We send our sympathies.

**Marji Gabert-Milam** reported that there are no anniversaries for the month of December.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** advised that we were going to take photos for the 2019 officers right after today's luncheon.

**Jack Raynor**, our roster keeper, said that he will be sending out a new roster and wants all members to check it for accuracy.

Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** advised us that all members that lived in the Paradise area survived the fire. Two members are up there checking their property. The good news is we did not lose anyone, but there is still much to do and they need our help. She also reported that single retirees can now designate one enrolled friend to be their primary pass rider.

Frank introduced our new officers for 2019 – **Jim Simon** – *President*, **Vicky Enriques** and **George Taylor** – *Co-Vice Presidents*. He then presented Jim with his new badge. Congratulations to you all.

He thanked everyone for our donations of toys to go to the children victims of the Paradise fire. He also thanked all officers and members for the support they gave him this year.

Francis also asked if anyone would be interested in touring the Roseville Telephone Museum before or after the February 27<sup>th</sup> Luncheon. The members decided after the luncheon would be best.

Sonda reminded us to send our payments for the luncheons on time; she stated that 41 members attended our Christmas luncheon and 25% of us signed up late. Not good.

Marji shared that our two members **Ron & Rhonda Yates** were assisting victims of the fire in Paradise with their claims. Also she will be delivering the donated toys to the Sacramento Police Department for their distribution to the needy children in Paradise.

Our Vice President, Penny conducted two raffles, one for those donating to Toys for Tots and another for the general raffle.

The meeting was adjourned.

Thank you all for coming and we will see you at our next luncheon in January.



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There was no formal meeting in November. We did however have an informal gathering at the Fallon House Theatre in Columbia, CA. Sixteen members from our Chapter joined the group to see the performance of “Away in the Basement”, a humorous presentation of a Minnesota Lutheran Church group working in the church basement to prepare for their annual Christmas play. The performance was very well done and everyone had a good time and a lot of laughs.

After the performance, we walked over to Il Jardin Mexican Restaurant for cocktails and dinner. So we all had a fun time together.

We hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. We want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Our Chapter meets the second Thursday of every month in different locations. Please call our president **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 or me, **Rosie Walls** at (209) 984-5672 for information. We will not be meeting in January so we hope you will call and join us for any month thereafter.

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The gifts are wrapped and under the tree and our Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 11 is right around the corner. We're anticipating a festive time together ringing in the holidays with singing, good food, general merrymaking, and catching up with dear friends. We look forward to an enjoyable time at this annual rite of passage to the coming holidays.

We've had good turnouts to our weekly breakfast meetings since relocating to Mimi's Café early in November. It's always great to meet and support each other through the ups and downs of life.

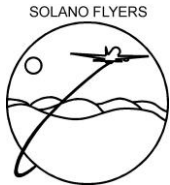
We are very thankful for the rain we've had the past several weeks here in California. The fires again had their paths of destruction in Northern (Paradise) and Southern (Malibu) California. **Merle Sweet** shared that her grandson, who is the director of a camp in the Malibu area, had to evacuate during the fire there. With a RUAEA chapter in the Paradise area, we are looking for a way to support those who've lost everything in the wake of the Camp Fire.

President **Bob Devlin** announced that there will be a Wreaths Across America ceremony at Gate of Heaven cemetery on Saturday, December 15. Remembrance wreaths are placed on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and every volunteer who places a wreath on a veteran's grave is encouraged to say that veteran's name aloud and take a moment to thank them for their service to our country. It is considered a small act that goes a long way toward keeping the memory of veterans alive.

We have a new slate of officers coming on board in 2019. I will let the new chapter correspondent announce who they will be in the next newsletter. Yes, that's right. I am stepping down at this time. It has been a joy to submit articles each month these past three years and let you know the goings on of our group. Wishing you all the best for the New Year!

We meet every Friday at Mimi's Café in the El Paseo de Saratoga Shopping Center in San Jose. Breakfast is at 8am with a short meeting following at 9am. Please join us.

We're wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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

### **Calendar:**

**December 12** – Tony's Restaurant, 909 Merchant St. Vacaville.

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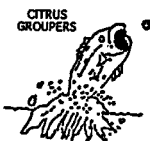


Our December meeting was canceled due to the Christmas luncheon scheduled on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Jim Spate** was hospitalized for a minor stroke and is home recovering with rehab. Cards can be sent to his address at 6360 Mountain View Dr., Parker, CO 80134.

Next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52<sup>nd</sup> 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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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA.

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

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It is with great sadness that we bring you news from the Sand"Dabs" this month. A few weeks ago we were notified by our President, **Dick Coughlin**, that our November meeting would be cancelled due to the sudden illness of his beloved wife and our Treasurer and friend, **Frieda Coughlin**. Surrounded by her family, she passed away in the early morning of November 15. A viewing and mass was held on November 29 and 30th in Ormond Beach. Frieda was an important part of our group and will be greatly missed. If you would like to send cards, Dick's address is: 4 Charleston Square, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

In times of loss, it is often helpful to be with others that share the same feelings. So the Sand"Dabs" Christmas luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 5 at the Smyrna Yacht Club in New Smyrna Beach with 13 members in attendance. Frieda was remembered by all with fondness and affection.

### Calendar:

**January** – To be announced

**February 7** – 11:30 – Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL



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Our Christmas luncheon was held at the 310 Nona Restaurant this year; our private room was decked out for the holidays with a beautiful Christmas tree provided by 310 Nona and festive centerpieces made by Elf Connie with helper Elf Elaine, and Christmas Pops made by Connie! Each of our guests had their picture taken in front of the tree (just like our Mainliner Christmas Parties of years past) and each will receive their pictures by email this week! **Al Fields** shared a beautiful blessing and **Mack Chandler** led us all in a wonderful Christmas song before we ate ☺

First up was Treasurer Charlotte to share that we have enough cash to subsidize this wonderful luncheon **and** give a total of \$800.00 to three charities as we have in past years: Hospice of the Comforter (\$250), Russell House for Atypical Children (\$250) and the VA (\$300). We can be proud of our generous donation to these very-deserving charities.

Secretary Elaine then took the floor to share a couple updates on our members who couldn't make the luncheon. **Betty Davidson** is "Feeling so Blessed" to be returning to better health, **Gerry Vann** says, "Merry

Christmas to All” and keep her in your prayers and, finally, **Gene Hall** and **Eleanor**, who moved to Alabama and are “Living in Paradise”! Direct quotes friends!

We welcomed back recent surgery survivors **Jim Hernandez** and **Linda Agnello**, with rounds of applause and prayers of thanksgiving too. Cover all of our United family in prayer ... every day.

December Birthday Candles to **Maureen Sterinsky** (16<sup>th</sup>), **Jim Hernandez** (17<sup>th</sup>), and absent, but still our Xmas gift, **Jane Houston** (25<sup>th</sup>). Wedding Bell Anniversaries to **Julia & Angel Montalvo** (48 years on 12/12), **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand** (63 years on 12/31), and a late congrats to **Stan & Barbara Halterman** (11/29), who returned from a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise with their family just in time to make the luncheon! Huge congrats to all of you!

**In an anticipated move, President Ernie decreed that our first luncheon of the new year would be held on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 1300 hours at the Golden Corral! Hope to see you there!**

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We had our Christmas party at KJ's Steakhouse on December 7 with 19 in attendance. **Wallis Alves, Rosemary Blake, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed & Judy Clarke, Gary & Janice Crittenden, Joanne Halt, Ray Jensen, Nancy Kopp, Ric & Jane Marton, Stella McCaffery, Mary McCarville, Diane Roberts, and Roger Schonewise.**

**Ed & Judy Clarke** just returned from a Caribbean cruise and **Bill & Margie Burg** returned from a 15-day Panama Canal cruise. A good time was had by all.

**Nancy Kopp** brought a new member, **Pat Schneider**. She worked in Inflight in Philadelphia. She recently joined Clipped Wings, and Nancy told her about our group. We're always happy to get new members. We are very fortunate to have members of Clipped Wings and RUPA, in addition to RUAEA.

The annual Christmas gift exchange was handled by passing gifts left and right from a story about the Wright family. Although we've been doing the same routine for years, it's still a hit. We finished the luncheon with cupcakes purchased by the chapter.

It was decided to postpone the January meeting to January 11, due to many members traveling back from up North, where they spent the Holidays with family.

Our meetings are held the first Friday of the month, October through May, 11:30 am to 2 pm. at KJ's Steak House. In May, we have a special steak fry to end the season.

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A slightly larger group of 19 Sand Dollars got together at their November luncheon, as a few more snowbirds have returned south. This time we met in the historic Rosemary district of Sarasota, at The Rosemary, a classic Sarasota institution where the owner grew up in a military family which moved to a new city every two years. As he puts it, with every new home came new surroundings, new friends, and most importantly, new foods. The varied menu certainly reflects the owner's interesting background.

Unfortunately, **Ginger & Michael Hyde** were not able to join us this time as Ginger was suffering from the effects of a flu shot, but promises to be at our Christmas gathering. Once again, **Inge Phillips** did a great job standing in for Ginger, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We then had a discussion on who would be the recipient of our donations next month, and it was decided to again donate to Meals on Wheels, with a portion coming from our Christmas collection and part from our treasury.

Inge then announced that **Alice D'Souza** and **Susan Skovroner** were not able to join us as they were starting to count Florida voting ballots. **Katie Heasley** is still having trouble getting around after her recent fall.

**George Sudal** and **Betty Woods-White** had medical appointments, and **Nancy Gibbs** is still with her brother in the New York area. **Bob & Lisa Young** were in New Orleans and will be on a cruise for our Christmas luncheon.

**Sandy & Doug Horuczi**, who have just returned from up north, and are still singing the praises of their river cruise this summer on UniWorld River Cruises, were immediately put to work selling the 50/50 tickets. The lucky winners were **Judy Macklin**, **Cindy Irwin**, and **Ted Mavis**.

We will have just one birthday to celebrate in January, **Suzan Goodson** on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and three wedding anniversaries – **Bill & Inge Phillips** on the 4<sup>th</sup>, **Bruce & Becky Toter** on the 25<sup>th</sup>, and **Joanne & Russ Wasser** on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

It was noted that some of the group had forgotten their name-tags – again – the worst offender seems to be your correspondent. No doubt when Ginger returns, discipline will be imposed and dollars collected.

It was good to see **Vivian & Harvey Rucker** back in Florida and dealing with their health problems relatively well. **Skip & Cindy Irwin** have returned from their home in Thornville, Ohio, and **Ted & Liz Mavis** had a fascinating trip during the summer exploring all the Franciscan missions from San Diego to San Francisco, California, which had been established back in the 1700s by Fr. Junipero Serra who was born in Mallorca, Spain.

Our Christmas Luncheon meeting will be at University Park Country Club, Sarasota. There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange, along with a delicious lunch.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month, and we welcome any visiting retirees or new retirees who are thinking of coming to our beautiful part of Florida. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at: [drjekyl.hyde@aol.com](mailto:drjekyl.hyde@aol.com).

*... the cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.*



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

#### **Calendar:**

**December 12** - 1PM, Outback, Trinity, FL. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

**January 7** - IHOP - 10:30

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Our Christmas Party was held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, an update on the festivities will follow in next month's report.

Our slate of officers for 2019 will be: President - **Al Popek**, Vice-President - **Bob Langevin**, Treasurer - **Carolyn Lindgren** and Secretary - **Mary Kay Wetherington**.

A reminder that our January meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month instead of the 1<sup>st</sup>, due to the fact that it fell on a holiday.

Our only birthday in December is **Millie Rossi** who will celebrate it on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you haven't paid your 2019 dues yet, please do so by sending a check made out to our new Treasurer, **Carolyn Lindgren**, and mailed to her address.

Calendar:

**January 8** - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

**February 5** - Luncheon/Meeting Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

**March** - Picnic - To Be Determined

**GEORGIA**



**DIXIE FLYERS**

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20 Dixie Flyers heard **Don Shelley** say grace for our meals. **Fred Cron** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Fred also held the 50/50 drawing. Winning ticket holder was **Sandy Lis** in the amount of \$12.00 per share. **Barney Knotts** added \$20 of his own money so the Ladies in Distress got a total of \$32 which was very good. **Frank Russy** made oatmeal cookies and **Sandy Lis** made fig newton tidbits which put us all in a festive mood for December. Our Sunshine Lady **Sybil Voss** was very busy sending out birthday cards for the December birthdays for our Flyers.

On a sad note, we lost two former ramp employees, Atlanta employees, **Don Holmes** and **Bill Allen** passed away and will be sorely missed.

Next luncheon will be the first Wednesday in January, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia, 2 PM.

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

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

### Calendar:

**December 13** - Christmas Party at Jakers as we have before.

## ILLINOIS

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January—Here we go again, one more year to enjoy, or screw up! Pick only one! Have you survived all the parties and staying up past 10:00? What wild Seniors you are! Were you able to get on the floor and play with the great grandchildren and their new toys? More importantly, were you able to get up. It was so wonderful to see family and friends again. Too bad we have to wait months before we visit again. Maybe we should have more holidays. Is it just me, or do these extra days off in the week get you confused? If a Tuesday or Thursday is a holiday, no mail, nobody working, I think it's Saturday. Hmmph, no, not really, it's back to normal, but then it's Saturday again. Hello! Don't get me started on the Easter holiday. One year it's 'early', next year, it's 'late'. Can't we just maybe have it on the last Sunday in March? It's getting warmer, the kids won't freeze in their new outfits, and most importantly, the Easter Bunny won't have frozen ears or fluffy tail.

There were quite a few parties last month. The Skyliners had their annual bash at the Avalon for 175 people. **Virginia Monaco** outdid herself planning and decorating the beautiful hall. The Board and volunteers helped pull everything together. The singing group Encore performed Christmas songs, with a few Motown tunes thrown in. They were great, and the lunch was delicious. Our raffle was a 50/50, with half given to the Elk Grove Food Pantry, and the other half going back to the retirees. It's always fun to see people winning something, isn't it?

The IAM 1487 had the other fabulous Christmas luncheon for over 200. **Karen Carney**, and her committee certainly know how to throw a party. The five-course meal was exquisite. The Seville has taken care of the Union for many years. People brought donations and cash for the Pantry Drive. There were three raffles, one for cash, one for 50/50, cash split for a food pantry, and one lucky winner; the other being gifts brought by the members. There were varied gifts and appreciated by the winners. (There was liquor involved.)

I might mention now is the time to encourage your friends to join either group, or both, to enjoy great parties and friends you've lost touch with over the years. The Skyliners have new members, **Linda Pagonis - CHITO**, **Paul Tinebra - EXOPW**, **Irene Petre**, **Marlene Lees** and **Rose Ann Domracki**.

The Northside Breakfast welcomed back **Virginia Kondraros**, **Daryl VanKampen**, **Ken Lucht**, and **Jackie Monilaw**, who had just returned from a Director visit in IN. She had some Mainliner items that she raffled off. We always like to see Jackie, don't we?

The Southside Breakfast had eight people. Weather and health issues attributed to the low attendance. Seven men and one woman were there. **Gwen Brookins** said she felt lucky to be with all of those men, but I think they were the lucky ones! **Ed Ward** and **Tom Hurley** won the raffle.

The ORDMM group had a small group, too. Maybe it had something to do with Thanksgiving. **Jim Vitte** is going to Arizona for the winter, but **LB Neal** has decided to stay north, and sold his Arizona home, staying in Illinois. Win one, lose one.

The RUPA luncheon had 45 members and guests join us at Nick's Pizza and Pub. There were four new attendees, **Ted Jung, Phil & Phyllis Capuzelo, and Ben Kalom**. He's still an active pilot, but has eight months to retirement. He's slowly getting into the ease of not flying by coming to the festivities. Others enjoying their pizza or beef were **Jack Mumaw, Tom Loftis, Dave Runyan, Fred Hunter, and Rick Miller**. Thanks go to **Dick Kane**, who collected the money, and **Wes Lundsberg**, who took pictures of the happy group. **Jan & Walt Fink** did the planning, inviting and the newsletter that followed with photos and a summary of the afternoon. Their next luncheon will be on January 8, at the Golf Club of Illinois, in Algonquin, a buffet fit for royalty.

Many of our coworkers and friends flew West last month, **Art Frage** - OPBCM, **Skip Slayden** - OPBVV, from CHIRR, **Sharon Carugan, Janet Sevilla, and Jim McCroy**, husband of **Arlene**, Apollo Services. From ORDMM, **Dorothy Low**, wife of **Al**, and **Freida Coughlin**, wife of **Richard**, and **Jerry Tarkowski; Melvin Langhart** - ORDCG, husband of **Patricia**, ORDSW, **Charlotte Wade**, wife of **John**, CHIDD, and **Lu Cartina** - EXO Freight Accounting. Also gone from our world are President George H.W. Bush 41, Marvel's Stan Lee, Stephen Hillenberg, author William Goldman, former Cubs player, Luis Valbuena, Phillip Bosco, Ken Berry and the exceptional Roy Clark.

Been to ORD lately to pick up somebody? Have you been confused? Join the group. When you drive down Bessie Colman Drive, you'll see a sign that says, United Employee Parking Lot. That's because the city is tearing down most of our property. Hangar 5, Eastern and TWA hangars, Ground Equipment, the Medical Building, and parking lot, are gone to enlarge the airport runways, again. Why not just put concrete from Higgins to Irving Park, and from Mannheim to York Roads, and let the pilots decide where to land. Why wait for a space, just put that baby down on open concrete! **Then**, they moved the Cell Phone Lot. It **was** on the West side of Coleman Drove, not! Now you have to drive all the way around the lower terminal, United, Alaska, Delta, American, don't forget to follow the signs, that could be wrong, stay in the left lane, and you just might find it. It took me two trips to find it. It took **Ginny Vlach** four trips around the airport to find it. By then her granddaughter was in and she had to go all the way around again getting back to Terminal One. **But**, while you're in the lot, you better have all of your stickers and licenses up to date. There's a police officer who checks your information and stops you if anything is expired. Don't ask me how I know ... Tell your party to take a cab, or park at McDonald's and wait for their call. Let them wait for **you**!

Construction has begun to build a new full-access interchange that will connect the new I-490 to I-90. Someday, this is to be the Western entrance to ORD. It will be by the DesPlaines Oasis, the fuel stations will be closed and removed in early 2019. The inside shoulders on I-90, in both directions between Elmhurst and Mt. Prospect Road, will be closed to provide a work zone and overnight lane closures as needed. We'll keep you updated on this never-ending construction on I-90. See, I told you they would never finish this highway.

Happy New Year everybody. Stick around, the best is yet to be!

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**January 9**). Second Wednesday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**January 29**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**January 3**), First Thursday of the month.

**January 8** - RUPA Lunch, Golf Club of Illinois, 1575 Edgewood Dr., Algonquin, Tuesday, 11:00A.M. cocktails, noon lunch

## INDIANA



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The Indy Racers met on November 13 at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, Avon, Indiana. There were 15 members including: **Ken & Deanna Boeke, Jack & Carol Conway, Bob & Ruth Duffey, Bob & Myrtle Duty, Jim Gibson, Chris Johnston, Ed Loftus, Dimple Rihel, Charles Theiss** and son Anthony, and **Tony Urbanovic**. We also had 5 guests attending including: **Bill and Bill Jr. Conway** representing the United States Marine Corps to pick up the Toys-For-Tots toy donations, **Jackie Monilaw**, our Regional RUAEA Director, and **Bill & Barbara Stout**.



The picture shows the military service Indy Racers and friends presenting the toys to Bill Conway Jr. In the picture left to right are: (standing) **Jim Gibson, Bill Stout, Jack Conway, Charles Theiss, Ken Boeke, Tony Urbanovic, Bob Duty** and **Bill Conway Sr.**, (kneeling) **Ed Loftus**, and **Bill Stout Jr.**

**Jackie Monilaw** was also present at the meeting, and as she usually does, provided interesting information. Jackie talked about the new FlyingTogether website with the updated RES Listing items. Jackie stressed the importance of keeping profiles updated. The dates for changing Enrolled Friends was provided. A handout was provided on this information. Jackie promoted joining RUAEA for members who may not have done so, or in my case, forgot the renewal was due! The membership cost is \$27.00 per year until January 1, 2019 when the membership will be \$30.00 per year. Jackie also discussed the 2019 convention which will be in DEN providing hotel and dates information. Jackie also had a drawing for gifts. **Tony Urbanovic** and **Jack Conway** won UAL Retired hats, and **Myrtle Duty** won a UAL Journal. Thank you Jackie for a very successful meeting.

The Indy Racers next meeting will be December 10, 2018 at Maggiano's Little Italy Kitchen. This will be the Christmas party. This will also be the final meeting until March 2019. We take January and February off due to the uncertainty of the weather.

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### Submitted by Irene Kimball

Greetings of the season from the Nor'easters,

We held our Christmas Party on December 4 at Jimmy's Steer House. The comfortable group of 28 had a lovely luncheon with great food, wonderful friends and shared memories of our times together. **Frank DeStefano** did a super job capturing photos and posting to FB. If you weren't with us, we missed you. Please come next time.

We all spoke of our loss of **Steve Bilodeau**. Steve served with the USAF before joining Boston CG, CS, LL. He retired to Florida after his retirement. His beloved wife, **Paddy**, passed away two years ago and it seemed he was waiting to join her. RIP, good friend, you are together again.

**Don & Kathy Latter** are off on another cruise, this time Lax-FLL transiting through the Panama Canal. Two weeks in the sun!

**Irene & Bob Kimball** went to NYC to pay their respects to our friends at the World Trade Center. That evening they joined a group of interliners and saw the Broadway play, *Come From Away*, the story of the 38 aircraft forced to land outside the US when we closed our borders on September 11. Special guest that night was AA Captain Betty. It was awe inspiring hearing her story!

**Bob Depippo** was feted at an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday bash thrown by **Sue**, his wife, and his children. About 100 people came out to the Winthrop Yacht Club to enjoy the festivities and to cheer him on!

The **Twings** are on Cloud 9! Their granddaughter, Amber, competed in a national Ballroom competition in Destin, Florida. It was an adult competition. Amber is 10! There are no competitions at her level so she competes with adults. And, she does it with grace, style and determination!

We are starting our search for new members. Bring a friend to a meeting ... we will do the rest!

Merry Christmas one and all

## MICHIGAN



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Another tradition will soon be coming to an end. Our January 2019 luncheon will be held at Station 885 in Plymouth, Michigan. We have been going there for years since it was one of **Marie Cook**'s favorite restaurants. But after January, no more. The restaurant will be taken over by new owners and will become Stella's Black Dog Tavern by the end of the month. So one last time we will gather and reminisce about days gone by. Come join us for our luncheon on January 3 at 11:30 am. Their address is 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, MI. RSVP to **Jeen Kobb** (**Marie Cook**'s daughter), (248) 342-0274 – cell.

It was candy canes and plenty of chatter at our December luncheon held at the Pegasus Taverna in St. Clair Shores. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, eight of us gathered to enjoy the Greek cuisine. Attending were **Maggie Pringle** (belated Happy Birthday, Maggie), **Pat Hoffman**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Trudy Hall**, **Charm Nicoll**, **Patty Gates**, **Gwen Dyc** and our hostess, **Mary Moir**.

Wishing all a joyous Christmas and a wonderful, healthy New Year.

## MINNESOTA

### NORTHERN LITES

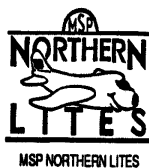
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23 Lites met for lunch and visiting once again. We were all gratified and pleased to see **Lyle & Sonja Gunderson** walk in. They'd been amongst the missing for several months what with Lyle's sessions at the ER, hospital and doctors' offices. It was great to see him upright and smiling once again.

**Jim Brennan** conducted the meeting that time and did a great job, covering all the bases. He mentioned that there was a good UAL/Northern Lites turnout for the funeral of our little pal, **John Beveridge III** at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Another among-the-missing who did make it to Johnny's funeral was **Bill Young**. He stays pretty much to home nowadays, being in his 90's but he and Johnny were pretty good buddies over the years, so he couldn't not attend the service. It would be nice if he were able to attend one of our luncheon meetings again.

We're all concerned with the horror of the fires in California, but especially since our good friend **Jim Simon** is right in the middle of the state, near Sacramento. He has spoken regularly by phone to both **Lee Storlie** and **Connie Glattly** and his comments about being confined to his home because of the poor air quality due to smoke were frightening. We keep telling him to return to WI/MN where the air is clean, the women

good-lookin' and only an occasional tornado to scare the bejeepers out of a guy. And then, only if you choose to live in the southern parts of those states ...

**Ida Mayo** won the birthday prize that day and raffle winners were **Al Kilian, Mike Cunningham, Arlene Kelley** and **Gene Delvaux**. Too bad **Sonja Gunderson's** number wasn't called after her long absence. Boy, that would have really made her day!

When you read this, all of the hullabaloo of the Holidays will be over and people will be heading off on their winter vacations (the **Brennans**). No doubt, we will be receiving text messages complaining about how hot it is and photos of people playing golf and enjoying a glass of wine among the palm trees. That's OK, none of us stay-at-homes will have to suffer the shock of getting off the plane to frigid temps and scraping the snow and ice off their vehicles in their flip-flops and shorts.

Lunch and meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, MN. (Directions: I-694 to Exit 50, south 2 short blocks to a strip mall on the left, next to Aldi's Market.)

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

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

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on December 13. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. The doors open at 11:00am; if you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038. We will be glad to see you.



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There is no report this month from the Reno Sierra Roundup chapter of RUAEA.

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

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

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Forty-nine signed in for our Christmas luncheon, but the count was closer to sixty including new members and guests.

We are sad to report the death of **Emma Milazzo's** mother. Emma very kindly dropped off essentials for our 50/50, etc. before leaving for her mom's wake. Our prayers and condolences. **Jordan Levine's** wife is still recuperating from back surgery, but managing to work at her medical duties part time. Get well wishes, Mary.

**Pam Manfredo Curtis** has her own radio channel on #121, on SiriusXM. Times on air vary.

**Nick Manfredo** was on a broadcast of "The Price is Right," hosted by Mark Wahlberg, at the Westbury Music Fair. He won a tee shirt and a few other goodies. He's a winner, usually, with Lotto, though.

**Mike & Evelyn Schroeder** will be off on their annual trip to Hawaii on January 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to drop in on them, they said! (ha ha).

50/50 winners were **Marge Hanson** (\$50), **Kathy Meehan** (\$25), **Richard Holdsworth** (\$15) and **Joyce O'Donnell** (\$10). Cute Santa centerpieces were won by **Skip Zawrotny**, **Ed Pozzi**, **Helene Amon** and **Frank Ferrara**. Free lunch was won by **Pat Hannon**.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. No January meeting.

### Calendar:

**February 6** - Meeting at Davenport Press.

## OHIO

### OHIO BUCKEYES

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We had our luncheon on November 7<sup>th</sup> at a new restaurant, Michael's, in North Royalton, OH. A number of our members have left for Florida so we only had 54 in attendance. Grace was said by **Sue Broderick** and then we had a wonderful luncheon hosted by **Tom & Marty Hassel**. On display was the American flag as this month is Veteran's Day. **Tom Hockett** continued our meeting, he requested that all Veterans please stand so that we may thank them for their service to our country. Everyone responded with applause. **Tom Hockett** led us in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and singing of "God Bless America".

After lunch, **Bernie Garrah** and **John Kercel** conducted the sale of our 50/50 tickets, and also the drawing with 2 winners, **Al Kicen** and **Nancy Oncu**.

**Dolly Taucher** continued the meeting by informing us of our members having medical issues: **Dave Placko** is now home and his legs are very weak. **Marilyn Bogucki** has had 2 surgeries on her spine and is still in pain. **Lillian Schabel** is feeling better since she fell and **Barb Vauls** is still recuperating from her stroke but is here today.

We had 5 members with birthdays this month: **Carole Hamlin**, **Candy Kane**, **Nancy Oncu**, **Jack Preston** and **Lee Rak**.

We are now announcing in our monthly meetings and in our RUAEA chapter report every member celebrating their Anniversary. In November: **Boyd & Mona Callender** (54 years); **Joe & Mary Kavcar** (72 years); **Ken & Gloria Roth** (32 years); and **Jim & Kathryn Webster** (60 years). Wow! Did you see those high numbers? The younger generation could learn about commitment from all of us.

We wished everyone best wishes for a "Merry Christmas", and a "Happy and Healthy New Year" to all.

### Calendar:

**January** - No luncheon as who knows what the weather is going to be.

**February 6** - Fuji's, hosted by **John & Dolly Taucher**.

**March 13** - (the 2nd Wednesday) Brown Derby Restaurant, hosted by **Judy & Jeff Spooner**.

**April 3** - Mahle's Restaurant, hosted by **Jacki & Gene Craig**.

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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59 members joined us at our November luncheon meeting. The tables were decorated with a patriotic theme, and all members who had served in our armed forces stood and were recognized. Member **Margaret Borbely** sang a tribute to them, providing original lyrics to the tune of "Thanks for the Memory". Our new flag that once flew over the US Capitol was proudly displayed, complete with an eagle atop the pole, and members **Dennis Cline**, **Ruth Larson**, **Paul Russell**, **Kathy Russell** and Kathy's sister, were acknowledged for their efforts in bringing all the necessary pieces together. Later in the meeting we had an opportunity to share some funny Thanksgiving memories. Lots of laughter over some very humorous events.

We were pleased not to have bad news related to deaths or illness to report this month but delighted to have lots of good news to share: **Bill Petersen** had a pacemaker placed in October and has been doing great since. **Cliff Blare** had a successful hip replacement a couple of weeks ago and is doing quite well; he even provided us another opportunity to laugh with one of his jokes! **Steve Borbely's** back surgery provided great relief; he's up

and about and joined us at the meeting. **Dennis Cline** had successful hernia repair and is at home recuperating. **Terry Hotchkin** is almost pain free, and her CRPS seems to be well under control, after undergoing multiple experimental TMS treatments down at Stanford.

This month's quote from our President was provided by member **Kathy Russell**, from a Charles Schultz Peanuts cartoon: *"The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what I have been blessed with. I choose to be happy."*

*Anniversaries* ~ **Juanita & Roger Null**, married 1994; **Sara & Bill Petersen**, married in 1961; **Annette & Jerry Knott**, married in 1969.

*Birthdays* ~ **Sara Blare**, **Sara Petersen**, **Mel Martin**, **Dale Stapp**, and **Bill Petersen**.

*Drawing Winners* ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Pat Townsend**, Men's Birthday - **Dale Stapp**, Women's Birthday - **Sara Blare**, 50/50 - **Susie Clack**.

#### Calendar:

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

**January 9** – A Happy New Year greeting

**February 13** – An early Valentine's Day social

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Our veterans were celebrated. A salute to all!

**Alan Edwards** won the free lunch. A guest from Arizona won the 50/50; **Dot Honnas**, a friend of **Adele Sherman**.

We are sad to report two more deaths. **Dick DeViney** on October 28 and **Jimmy Weeks** on November 6. Much love and sympathy to their wives and children.

November was our annual food drive for Loaves and Fishes at Prospect Hill Baptist church. Thanks for contributing to our less fortunate neighbors.

#### Second Report:

Twelve people enjoyed our November Veterans day program. A delicious buffet was especially shared with our friends. **Kathy Edwards** won the free meal and **Les Brown** won the 50/50.

The entertainment was a magician who went table to table doing magic card tricks. We could not figure them out! Of course it would not be magic if we could. His name was Nick Vernon.

**Alan Edwards** and **Marcia Ems** remain on our sick list.

Our next newsletter issue will tell about our Christmas program. It was our last meeting till Spring.

#### PITTSBURGH

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Hello from RUAEA Pittsburgh! We are looking forward to good times and we wish all of our friends a wonderful, healthy, and peaceful Holiday! It is sad to hear about the devastating fires in California and also the many other areas with fires, flooding, and earthquakes. Many people lost their family, homes and suffered injuries due to inclement weather.

Our Pittsburgh Christmas Luncheon was held at JW Hall's on December 4 with 28 in attendance: **Bernie & Joann Juth, Olga Karmazyn, Treatie Karwoski, Mary Jane Stewart, Phyllis Smith, Jim & Diane Weber, Bill Redfern** (door prize winner), **Verna Alex, Gwen & Dave Detwiler, Vic & Joan Ference, Georgia Garcia** and **Bob West, Lorraine Keith, Shirley Smith** (50/50 drawing winner), **Julie McConaghy, Russ Miller** and his son-in-law, **Joe & Trudy Friend, Jack & Betty Tinney, Al & Naomi Rushell, Beverly Barwell** and guest **Yvonne Brustein** (who brought their 3 month old baby, Ben, who was the star of the Xmas Luncheon!) We are happy that the amazing **Phyllis Smith** was able to attend and is feeling much better.

Our passionate RUAEA Advisor **Joann Juth** is doing well and would love to hear from you. Our happy **Treatie Karwoski** is now living independently in her apartment and enjoys it very much! Treatie's address: 900 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010. They are missing their RUAEA friends!

I received the following cards of Seasons Greetings from those unable to attend the luncheon! Correspondence from **Lydia Casmer**. Thank You to **Bill Chicotes** for your generous donation to RUAEA Pittsburgh! We also heard from **Ellie Masters**, and **Elsa Schiller**. Sad to hear that **Barbara Seaholm** had a fall and suffered a slight concussion so she was unable to attend. Wishing her a quick recovery and hope to see her at the next luncheon. **Marilyn Snyder** sent in her correspondence a card of her beautiful picture of 5 grandchildren!

Wishing all Season's Greetings, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukkah! Wishing you all love, peace, and health in 2019!

*"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart"* – Helen Keller

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA. For Luncheon/Meeting's location, please contact Pollie at (847) 757-5261.

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May 2019 bring peace, health, and joy to all United Airlines families and friends. Happy New Year from the Seattle Area's Emerald City Slickers.

With no meeting in December, we go back to November 13, when Co-President **Kathie Torgison** conducted the meeting in the absence of her Co-President **Ken Storey**, who was doing well at home while recovering from a hip replacement.

Military veterans were asked to stand and be recognized for their service, as we were just days beyond Veterans' Day. Remaining members stood to join them in a salute to the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kathie introduced **Chuck & Sharon Cole**, the new Northwest Regional Director and his wife, who have returned to our area after living in Arizona since 2002. The Coles both worked for UAL in the Seattle area.

**Jim Fauber** presented a well-prepared and well-documented report on his April Honor Flight to Washington DC. Jim taught us a lot more than we'd heard before (several other RUAEA members had been so-honored in the past) about the program designed for veterans of World War II. His travelogue, detailing sites

and sights, as well as the military statistics incorporated into the report were augmented by an album of photos and memorabilia that made us appreciate once again the service of our veterans.

**Ed & Gay Liesse** collected the latest-and-last donations for Northwest Harvest and the Marine Toys 4 Tots food and toy drives, as well as a check from the chapter. Food, toys, and cash were delivered or mailed within a couple days. Thanks to everyone who participated in this 4<sup>th</sup> annual event!

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman**, widow of **Herald Bowman** (SEAGQ), met with disaster when she fell the day after our November meeting, fracturing her femur, damaging her hip, and hitting her head. Phyllis – she was 92 in December – is doing well with therapy in local rehab and soon will move to another facility closer to her son near Bellevue.

The late **Don Hanson**'s companion, **Sharon Penwell**, attended the luncheon and introduced Don's son Mark, who had come to meet some of his father's Emerald City Slicker friends. Mark mentioned that he also had personally known **Theo & Marry Thuys**, who now live in Arizona. A real airline "dynasty," the Thuys had Theo as a pastry chef at United while Marry retired from Northwest/Delta Airlines. Their son John is a captain for Alaska, living in Tacoma. All were patrons of Mark's auto repair business.

Several chapter members attended **Don Hanson**'s funeral in November. Don was a member of several military organizations and a previous Honor Flight participant - many uniforms were in evidence. Don was buried at Tahoma Military Cemetery in his WWII Navy uniform, which he always had been proud to prove still fit.

Another recent passing was that of **Blaine Anderson**, husband of **Vivian Anderson** (SEAFR/KY). **Gary & Kathie Torgison** had become friends with Vivian at work and carried their relationship beyond the office. They remarked on the extensive doll collection on display in Vivian's home, as well as her efficiency as a secretary in UAL Computer Services. Blaine also was a veteran and was buried at Tahoma.

At the end of the meeting, Phyllis, still on her feet that day, acknowledged November and December birthdays and anniversaries and conducted the usual drawings. **Noreen Krawczyk** earned a free lunch and **Sharon Penwell** was awarded the 50/50 prize.

We look forward to the New Year and plan to continue luncheon meetings at Angelo's Ristorante in Burien. The meeting schedule still is January through May and September through November, often with a summer event tossed in. Reservations for lunch are required, but we invite all UAL retirees to join us on a second Tuesday when visiting the Puget Sound area.

#### Calendar:

**January 8** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

**February 12** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

**March 12** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



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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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Toys for Tots was the highlight of our November luncheon. Three young marines joined us to present us with a certificate of gratitude for our continuing participation in this annual charity. **Kerrie & Dutch Schneider** bought their lunches and they stayed for the entire event including the awarding of door prizes and the 50/50 auction. The chapter's half of the 50/50 was added to the money donated by members. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was **Judy Dunlap**, who gave her winnings to the marines to bring our total donation to almost \$800. Our gift table was so covered with toys that it took three marines two or three trips each to take them to their SUV for delivery.



**Kerrie Schneider**, our local liaison with Toy for Tots, and **Judy Dunlap**, our treasurer, presented the marines (Pfc. Nasir Haqq, Cpl. Eric Utley and Pfc. Lamar Chambers, MCESG) with the cash and check donations, thanked them for coming to our meeting and for their service. We were disappointed that **Ralph** (a retired marine) and his wife, **Dollie Baggett** were not able to attend due to health concerns. This is their favorite charity.

Our members have kept the Orthopedic doctors in Northern VA busy over the past year. I believe we may have even put a few of their children through college. Our most recent recipients

of bionic parts have been **Donna Simpson** and **Hank Heuser**.

Donna had a hip replacement and is recovering beautifully with the help of her devoted husband, Richard. Her address is 4411 N. Henderson Rd., Arlington, VA 22203-2711. I'm sure she would love to hear from her friends around the country. Hank just had his 2<sup>nd</sup> knee replaced. His wife, Gale, reports that he is recovering slowly but surely with a lot of hard work. Cards and notes can be sent to Hank's home at 10072 Coffee Tree Court, Manassas VA 200-2744. Hope to see the both in December.

**Marie Libby** is a phenomenal artist with her crochet hooks. She also has a very generous nature. She has, once again, donated two Afghans to our chapter to raise money for our various charities and events. Thank you, Marie. This is greatly appreciated.

It is time also to thank Glory Days Grill and their manager, Hisham Young, for their continuing support and sponsorship. Each month, they provide us with gift certificates to be used as door prizes. Needless to say, they go quickly.

Our December luncheon will be fun and festive. Each member will receive a candy cane and a small Bag of Christmas candy. We will collect money for Unite We Care in December, as always. We send our Holiday wishes to our entire United Family, but special wishes are being sent to our friends and loved ones who have been struck with tragedy this year.

Sending best wishes for all of the holidays being celebrated.

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA!

New Year's Resolutions ... Yes, it is that time of year to make that promise to ourselves to lose weight, exercise more, eat healthier, drink less or just be a better person. This tradition has been going on for over 4,000

years. It started in Ancient Babylon when the Babylonians made promises, so they would be in good favor with their gods and have good crops ... which for them the new year was in mid-March, so that would make some sense, maybe.

This year, rather than make that promise to do those things that you know will not last beyond January, let's pick something that is just a common-sense promise ... to do our best to help others less fortunate. At Clipped Wings, we made a promise many years ago to help the Developmentally Disabled and Special Olympics. We help them on Local, National and International levels. We have learned that these special athletes do not have Disabilities but Abilities. Abilities that make them want to do better in sports and in life.

Many of our Chapters help with various organizations for DD. We have fundraisers to financially help them achieve their goals for making the lives of others better. So, if you ever hear that a Clipped Wings Chapter in your area is holding a fundraiser, contact them to see what help you can offer. Make that your New Year's resolution this year, one you can keep for the whole year.

Just a quick personal note. I found out this week that **Virginia "Gini" Fulton**, former Stewardess and Clipped Wings President passed away on November 27. She was 95. In 1970, Gini gave me a "Clipped Wings Recommendation Card" when I told her I was going to apply at United Airlines to become a Stewardess. She said, "give this card to Buzz Hawkins", Denver employment office. Buzz hired me because of Gini. Gini gave me "The Best" of United for 35 years. Thank you, Gini, I will be forever grateful.

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

## NEW MEMBERS

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

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

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

Roger L. Adams, Barbara J. Anable, Gary L. Anderson, Joan L. Anderson, Jone Angell Manley, Kenneth Bader, Edward T. Barrett, Arthur A. Barrett, Ronald Bertacini, Marcia K. Brett, Lorraine Barbara Butow, John D. Cantieni, Nancy A. Carter, Nancy A. Chaves, Jeanne M. Clark, Ida C. Cummins, Harry L. Dasher, Norman E. Davis, Richard Dumosch, Philip J. Elliott, Donald G. Elster, William A. Engler, Judith Evans, Sophie L. Feaster, Robert Figlewicz, Lydia Flores, David Folkers, Francisco Fornells, Marilyn Fry, Tom T. Fujishima, Lawrence Gardner, Anthony F. Garfold, Ronald J. Geibel, Francis Gibbons, Connie Glattly, Judy D. Godlove, Robert Goetz, Elizabeth Griffiths, Paul L. Grossman, Mary E. Haley, Jeanne Y. Betsy Hamblin, John W. Hannan, Linda I. Harris, Tom Heller, Mary C. Hill, David Hojara, Shirley A. House, Bradley Hueftle, Darlene Ikeya, Kenneth Johnson, Rod T. Jung, John T. Kerbaugh, Jean M. Kerman, Gordon M. Kibbe, Alcuin F. Kilian, John M. Koehl, John A. Kozlik, Thomas Krause, Kurt Krissinger, John N. Lagadinos, Ricky Landrum, Patricia A. Langhart, Charles Lewis, Paul Liebisch, Carolyn D. Locke-Miles, Gus Harrison London, Salvador D. Luna, Samuel A. Margolis, Andrew J. Montalto, Ronald H. Nichols, Kay E. O'Brien, Frances M. Oda, Rollo G. Opp, Gary L. Opperman, Sam S. Oshiro, Mary Jo Pahs, Robert Palmer, Kenneth W. Paulson, Cynthia D Petersen, Juanita M. Ritt, Marykathleen Robinson, Eugene R. Rollins, Bonnie Ruliffson, Arc Seven, Sharon L. Simonton, Margaret C. Snyder, Franz Sonnberger, Lawrence E. Starr, Nancy Thomas, Patricia Tremont, Stanley T. Tsunemoto, Emily Turner, Harold P. Turney, Louis R. Varvello, Michael Vasko, Josef H. Viereckl, Sophie C. Wajda, Kenneth R. Wesela, Kern W. Yager, Wallace F. Zuehl.

# OBITUARIES

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

- 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](mailto: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.***

- Spouse – **Alessi, Ellen C.**, on 11/14/2018, ORDCS, wife of Anthony J. Alessi, ORDFF, 11910 Northumberland Dr., Tampa, FL 33626
- Retiree – **Anderson, Charles D.**, on 11/13/2018, SFOJJ, husband of Bernice E. Anderson, 948 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., Redwood City, CA 94063
- Spouse – **Carnes, Lois H.**, on 11/17/2018, wife of Edward A. Carnes, SFOCY, 1621 White Oak Way, San Carlos, CA 94070
- Retiree – **Clarke, William A.**, on 12/1/2018 IADMM, husband of Martha Clarke, (deceased), PO Box 2084, Reston, VA 201195
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- Retiree – **Frage, Arthur L.**, on 10/27/2018, OPBCM, husband of Judith Frage (deceased), 737 SW Ancona Rd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34953
- Retiree – **Grant, John**, on 10/5/2018, SFOPD, husband of Joan Grant, 820 Pollux Court, Foster City, CA 94404
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- Retiree – **McCory, James R.**, on 11/15/2018, CHIRR, husband of Arlene C. McCory, CHIRR, 1952 Alcova Ridge Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89135
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- Retiree – **Slayden, Alvin (Skip) W. Jr.**, on 12/4/2018, OPBVV, husband of Ruth Slayden, 12 Glenbarr Ct., Pinehurst, NC 28374
- Retiree – **Stevenson, Carl R.**, on 12/04/2018, DENMK, father of Jennifer R. Wilson and Jeffery R. Stevenson, 7300 East 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Denver, CO 80220
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## Letters & Notes



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

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

Rosemarie Aiken, William Bruso, Eileen Burton, Lucille Cox, Norman Davis, Judith Evans, Sophie Feaster, Francisco Fornells, Jeanne Hamblin, John Hannan, Sarah Harris, Cheryl Mullins Jensen, Harlin Jesser, Gus London, Sal Luna, Celenia Nash, Morris Nelson, Karen Palermo, Mary Kathleen Robinson, Bernard Schmidt, Gerri Teyssier, Nancy Thomas, Pat Tremont, John Woytovich.

### **WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM:**

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

#### **Marilyn Fry, 7690 Highland Grove Ct., Highland, CA 92346**

Thank you so much for the newsletter and for keeping me informed of all the travel benefits available.

I read it from cover to cover. I don't know hardly anyone but I appreciate the information about the travel and benefits.

#### **Charles Harber, cplane88@sbcglobal.net**

Hello to the people I worked with at UAL SFO Maintenance Base from 1946 - 1976. I was a mechanic and also in the Inspection Dept.

There were many happy times while working there, and, along with my wife, Irene, raising four sons and a daughter.

Since leaving UAL, I have traveled and enjoyed life. One of my sons and I built a GLASSAIR 2, flew it off and still enjoy it.

At present, I am living in Templeton, CA. I volunteer at Estrella Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles, restoring aircraft and equipment.

At 98 years of age, I'm still up and about and would like to hear from anyone who might remember me and those early days at SFO.

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

Newsletter manager: Thanks to you and to all your staff for the newsletter. I worked with **Cas Spokas** at ORDMM many years ago, thank you for your contribution. It is sad to see the Newsletter expenses are so high! For us without computers, it is our only form of information. The increase in 2019 dues is not too much to ask for.

System wide, new members, has been a problem. **Diane Webb**, Chicago Skyliners president, did a great job of signing a large group, by her personal charm.

Thank you all, and keep up the good work.

**Sue Riedl, 604 Hillpoint Way, Brandon, FL 33510**

I enjoy reading about what is going on inside the Airline and about the member/employees.

My husband, Dick (ORD/TPA) and I (ORD) were involved many years ago with a Florida Newsletter. We enjoyed letting everybody know what was going on in Florida. But it was getting to be overwhelming and we decided it was best to pass it on.

My husband passed away two years ago and I have taken my first flight. It was so nice to be so accommodated and treated with care. I had a broken kneecap and that stopped my traveling last year but it is much better and I am able to walk without a cane; and I plan to resume my travel to friends and relatives.

Thank you for all the information you relay to us through your time-consuming dedication.

*Notes*

**John Brinnon**

I have been retired now for 17 years from UAL/SFO. I still live in Redwood City, CA and spend time in Lake Tahoe. I still enjoy car shows and travel. I always look forward to each edition of the RUAEA Newsletter with excellent updates. Life is good.

**Sandra Fowler**

I've been happily retired since 2008, and have homes in IL and AZ. I look forward to receiving RUAEA news and updates. Thanks for the good job everyone does.

**Charles Lewis**

A big "Thank You" to all who keep RUAEA a viable organization. It takes a lot of dedication and work.

**Gary Opperman**

I look forward to the newsletter but am only seeing just a few names I recognize. I live in Houston but they do not have a group here that I know of. (maybe CO). I visited PSP for one of their meetings and really enjoyed it. I work one day a week for RCCL and like to cruise.

**John Kerbaugh**

Enjoy reading about the retiree and active employee goings-on. Thanks for your work!

**Lacides Miranda**

I just celebrated my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, I am in good health and enjoying my four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. In my seventeen year of retirement, I had been traveling to many countries in Europe, South America and in the US.

**Carl Meinzer**

Just waiting for Del Webb house to be built in Fishers, Indiana.

**Tom Heller**

Thanks so much for the fine Newsletter! It's really great to read so many of my friends are active and enjoying retirement.

**Phillip Elliott**

I want to say thanks for all the hard work you do for us. Also for keeping us informed.

**Patricia A. Langhart**

My husband and I both retired from United in 2002. My husband, **Melvin (Tony) Langhart**, who retired from ORDCG, passed away on June 29, 2018. The newsletter helps me keep up with things and people at the company. It is a great publication and I will be changing from paper to paperless with this renewal. Thank you for being committed to this important publication!

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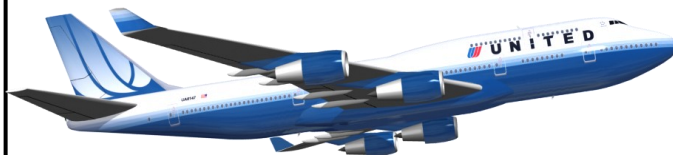
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(Part three of three) ~ By James H. (Jack) Knight, Experimental Night Flying

By the end of the coming week I hope to have a 30-mile system of Route lights installed between North Platte and Gothenburg, Nebraska with a regularly-equipped Emergency landing field at Gothenburg. I will fly over this course and compare it with another course between Gothenburg and Lexington, Nebraska (about 26 miles East) that has only a Rotary beacon at Gothenburg and another at Lexington.

I would suggest that so far as possible and permissible, the Route lights' "blinker lights" be placed in the center of a two-way East & West field good enough to land in, in case of emergency. This policy has been carried out so far in our operations around North Platte.

Approached properly, I believe that all cities and towns between Omaha and North Platte will spell out the name or initials of their town with electric lighting, in a prominent place. This would be a great aid to a "green" pilot on a new route.

The Banking and Turn Indicators work very nicely, but after a few tests at night, I am of the firm conviction that a Turn Indicator should be in conjunction with a Compass, and the Banking Indicator be combined with an Inclinator. I will explain this in detail if you so desire.



If I cannot fly out of Omaha today or tomorrow, the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>, I will ask Supt. Colyer for the Ford touring-car and drive up to Garrison and David City, Nebraska (roads permitting) and locate the fields you have asked for. We have been handicapped so far with same equipment and the bad motor. I haven't been able to fly at night half as much as I would have cared to, but prospects look brighter now than they have for the past month. I will send you a report each week, if I can keep track of you for that long.

Sincerely Yours, James H. Knight,  
Pilot Experimental Night Flying

*A note by Captain Ed Prost:* I was doing some reminiscing on Jack Knight. As an airmail pilot in the 1920's and pilot for UAL, his claim to fame was the daring completion of the first all-night mail flight in Feb 1921 from Omaha to Maywood's Checkerboard Field in Chicago in a DH-4B. The result of this historic coast-to-coast flight was that Congress funded the airmail service through the post office and funded the lighting of the airways.

At the end of airmail service in 1927, Jack flew for UAL until retiring in 1937. He died in 1945, poor (no pension in those days) and apparently without family. His ashes were kept by the UAL Vice President of Flying Ops, R. T. Freng (as best I can recall), in his office until 1946 when I was scheduled for a check-out in a DC-4 with Gus Summermeir and Paul Wallace. Since Jack had requested that his ashes be scattered over Lake Michigan, it was finally decided that this would be a good time to comply with his wishes. Gus brought along the can containing the ashes for the flight which left from Chicago Municipal Airport (Midway).

Once we were over Lake Michigan at 2,500 feet, we opened the co-pilot side window and then the clear-view window. We opened the can to scatter the ashes and got the job done as Jack requested. It was the least we could do for someone who made a significant contribution to air mail delivery and UAL. He should not be forgotten for his accomplishments.

The older I get the better I remember these stories! Will give it a bloody go for another story next year!

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