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## The Writers' Column ~ Memories From 2021 RUAEA Convention in San Diego By Chris Johnston - RUAEA Treasurer

A convention is a group of people who share a common event and come together to celebrate that event. Emotions range from laughter to tears as events are recalled and discussed. Not everybody attending a convention necessarily liked each other at work. However, time tends to dilute the petty disagreements and people see each other in a positive way. They start to understand the person, not the function they served at work.

Conventions are self-perpetuating. Events that happened at previous conventions are recalled and new memories are developed. Once again laughter and tears are shared and memories are created.

Our RUAEA conventions are no different. Because we all worked in a high stress, tightly controlled environment; the bond we have with each other is life-long. Our actions at work determined the fate of thousands of persons a day, our customers.

So it seems all conventions are pretty much the same. If you believe that to be true, go find **Margaret Longo** and talk to her. Margaret will always remember the 2021 RUAEA convention in SAN.



*Margaret Longo*

Margaret is a 25-year veteran with United working at CHIRR. Margaret was asked by her friend **Jackie Monilaw** to attend the convention and represent the Chicago Mainliner Store. This was not the best time for Margaret to leave Chicago; her father had been recently admitted in the hospital with a serious health issue. Margaret's mother told her to go to SAN and get away from the issues she faced daily in Chicago.

At the convention, Margaret attended the events, the tours and Saturday night, attended the closing banquet. Enter a person we shall call "The Loose Cannon". Cannon had decided earlier something memorable had to happen to make this convention special. Cannon told the audience we were having a drawing for a "potentially valuable prize". As the drummer in the band played a drum roll, great dramatic effect, and the lead singer for the band drew a raffle ticket, the number was read. Cannon asked the RUAEA Executive committee member to escort the winner to the stage. We learned her name, where she worked and some general information. Then Cannon

presented her with the "potentially valuable prize" one of the convention pins which had been given to all the attendees. Cannon presented Margaret with her prize, shook her hand and asked to have her escorted back to her seat. This was an anti-climactic finish to be sure. Cannon then asked to have Margaret brought to the stage again. Cannon then explained her pin was special, and told her to keep the pin in a special place and whenever she looked at it, remember the RUAEA convention she attended for free. The prize was RUAEA paid her 5 day stay at The Dana on Mission Bay, approximately \$785.00. We had a convention which when the attendees started to realize what was said, shed tears of joy, and had a story to tell at subsequent conventions.

One thing I want you to realize is RUAEA conventions are special. Not only do you get to see people you worked with, you get to meet new people, you get to share stories, you may find through mutual acquaintances that you have friends in common, and there is "The Loose Cannon" who may pop up at sometime again. I have it on good authority that "The Loose Cannon" will be at the SAN 2022 convention. The question is "Will You?" ■



*Chris Johnston*



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## GENERAL NEWS

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#### Letter from the President



**Don Burbank**

Hi Everyone,  
We had a very busy month but did get a lot done.

The Executive Board meeting was held in SAN the first week of March and we finalized our contract with the Dana resort at a very good price for our convention in SAN.

We also held a zoom call with RAFA (Retired Airline Flight Attendants), RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association), and Clipped Wings representatives. We are trying to organize the 2023 convention as a joint venture.

I have reached out to a contact with ARECA to try a complete United retiree convention. That would give all the retiree groups a better chance of survival.

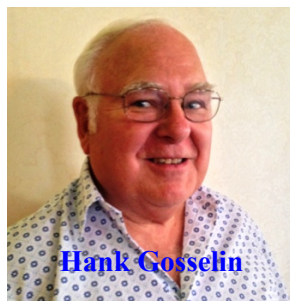
We are also starting to work on our website to get it up to date and easier to use.

We had a very productive Executive Board meeting and our VP of Conventions, **Hank Gosselin**, is providing some updates on the Convention (see the Report from the Vice President - Conventions). Please join us this year in San Diego to have one of the best conventions we have ever had. I would also like to thank **John Chu** for helping us to keep the Newsletter going.

Thank you for helping us to be who we are and what we are.

Don Burbank  
RUAEA President

#### Letter from the Vice President - Conventions Updates on RUAEA Convention 2022, San Diego, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>



**Hank Gosselin**

Hi folks,

Here are some updates on our exciting 2022 RUAEA Convention in San Diego. Hopefully, you planned or will plan your vacation for that time, October 3 - 9.

On Friday night, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a "Fiesta Party" with quesadillas, etc. Saturday night, October 8<sup>th</sup>, the RUAEA Banquet will highlight "Passport To Fun" with Salmon and Pork Loin as entrées. The cost of the Fiesta Party will be \$25 P/P, subsidized by the Alliant Credit Union. The Banquet Dinner will be \$55 P/P, a slight increase due to inflation, which we have all experienced at the grocery store. The banquet is a served dinner with salad, entrée and dessert. Also, with your dinner, you will have entertainment and dancing, which is hard to beat this day and age. The Fiesta Party will also include entertainment and door prizes. As always, the Benefits Panel Presentation will be on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Newsletter Convention Issue in June 2022 will have complete information for you.

We have negotiated a contract with the hotel that features no resort fee, free in and out parking, and best of all, 2 free breakfast vouchers per room per day. Hotel reservations for the convention are now available; please call (800) 345-9995 or (619) 222-6440. Remember to mention "Retired United Airlines Employees Association" for the contracted discount. Again, one thing I want to convey is that the Convention is open to RUAEA Members, family, friends, other United Retirement Groups, other airline personnel, in other words - everyone. Be sure to supply anyone interested a copy of the Convention Package so they can properly register.

A few words about this Convention's tours: You will be pleasantly surprised with our tour offerings this year. All the tours will include a meal, you won't have to hunt around on your own to find food. There will be 4 tours, 3-day time and one evening which will be Polynesian, with dinner and a show. Watch for a more detailed description of the tours in the upcoming Newsletters. They may seem expensive but they do include food, which is getting costly as you know. The other item is the bus transportation, with an added fuel cost due to the times.

There are many attractions in and around San Diego that you can do on your own if you wish; however, it will be hard to beat what we have planned. Again, plan your 2022 vacation in San Diego by attending the RUAEA Convention, a great opportunity. A lot more information will follow, watch your Newsletter.

Hank Gosselin  
RUAEA VP - Conventions

**United Launches Ukraine Relief Effort to Support  
Flying Workers and Supplies to Areas in Need  
March 7, 2022**



Starting today, United's MileagePlus® members can donate cash or miles to the airline's signature relief partners - Airlink, Americares, American Red Cross and World Central Kitchen - by visiting [united.com/UkraineSupport](https://united.com/UkraineSupport). United will match the first five million donated miles - the equivalent of hundreds of connecting flights to places like Poland, Hungary and Romania – and \$100,000 as well as award bonus miles to anyone who gives \$50 or more.

*"The human tragedy we are witnessing in Ukraine is horrifying and has shocked us all so we're doing our part to quickly help get aid to the people who desperately need relief,"* said United President Brett Hart. *"Our partners have been on the ground for more than a week and it's clear they need more resources to fulfill their mission of flying workers and supplies to and from the frontlines of this crisis. We're proud to do our part and will continue to look for ways to lend support where it's needed."*

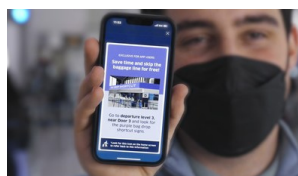
United's relief partners are already on the ground in the countries supporting Ukraine and are assisting in a number of different ways including:

- ▲ **Airlink**: Using the power of aviation to deliver critical aid - medical, WASH, shelter, and emergency response and medical teams for 20+ humanitarian organizations to help refugees.
- ▲ **Americares**: Mobilizing large-scale shipments of medicine and relief supplies and prepared to deploy an emergency medical team to provide essential health services for refugees fleeing Ukraine.
- ▲ **World Central Kitchen**: Working with local restaurants, caterers, and food trucks in the region to provide hot, nourishing meals at border crossings, shelters, and other refugee communities across Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Romania and Slovakia.
- ▲ **American Red Cross**: Supporting the global Red Cross network providing humanitarian relief to those affected by the Ukraine crisis.

In addition to fundraising efforts, United has paused Russian airspace transit, suspended interline agreements with Russian carriers and until further notice, credit card payments from Russia will no longer be accepted on the United app or [united.com](https://united.com). For more information on United's humanitarian campaign or to donate, visit [united.com/UkraineSupport](https://united.com/UkraineSupport).

**Skip the Line and Check a Bag in a Minute or Less:  
United Debuts New 'Bag Drop Shortcut' Service  
March 3, 2022**

United today introduces bag drop shortcut, a new, simple way for customers to skip the line, check their bag in a minute or less on average, and get to their flight. Accord-



ing to recent customer surveys, the bag check process can be one of the more stressful and time-consuming parts of the travel experience and United is the first airline to streamline the process in this way.

Here's how bag drop shortcut works:

- ✓ Check-in on the United app and select the number of bags
- ✓ Find the bag drop shortcut location at the airport with detailed instructions available right in the app
- ✓ At the bag drop shortcut location, customers place their bag on the scale and scan their boarding pass at the kiosk
- ✓ The United team will check the customer's ID, apply the bag tag and they're on their way!

This free service is available now at all of United's U.S. hubs in Chicago, New York/Newark, Washington D.C., Houston, Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco and the airline plans to expand bag drop shortcut to dozens more new airports this year.

*"Our initial customer data proves this free, simple-to-use process saves our customers time and energy as they get ready for their flight,"* said Toby Enqvist, chief customer officer for United, *"We're thrilled to be the first to offer this service to all customers who check-in on our award-winning mobile app."*

United continues to reward its app users with exclusive experiences, such as bag drop short cut. Originally tested in New York/Newark in August 2021, bag drop shortcut was instantly popular with customers. In less than six months, bag drop shortcut moved from a proof-of-concept to a fully functional service in all seven of United's hubs. By creating a dedicated area for those who only need to drop their bags, United is able to reduce wait times for all customers, which has significantly increased the airline's customer satisfaction scores.

Bag drop shortcut is the latest way the United app is making travel easier, just as millions of customers across the U.S. are gearing up for Spring Break travel. United also helps customers bypass lines with its exclusive Agent on Demand service, where travelers can easily connect with a live customer service agent directly from their mobile devices. United's mobile app and website also provides customers with a step-by-step guide on what tests or documents are needed to travel anywhere in the world, and helps customers find testing locations, schedule appointments, upload tests and vaccine cards if necessary, all within the app.

**United Aims to Quadruple the Size of  
Its Fleet of Training Aircraft  
February 17, 2022**

United Aviate Academy today announced that it aims to potentially quadruple the size of its fleet of training aircraft, in response to the surge of applications to the coun-





try's only flight school owned by a major airline. The Academy will add 25 new, state-of-the-art Cirrus TRAC SR20 training aircraft to its current fleet of 25, with the option to purchase up to 50 more. United Aviate Academy has already received more than 12,000 applications since announcing the school in April 2021. The school officially opened in January and welcomed a historic inaugural class of future pilots, part of the airline's goal to train at least 5,000 new pilots at the school by 2030, with the goal of at least half women or people of color.

United Aviate Academy also recently purchased seven state-of-the-art FRASCA Simulators, including some with 220-degree wraparound displays, with the first of these brand-new flight simulators arriving in April. These high-quality flight simulators feature hardware and software that operates exactly like the aircraft, for maximum effectiveness for students.

*"We're investing in flight education as we train the next generation of United Airlines pilots, who are the future of our airline,"* said Bryan Quigley, United's Senior Vice President for Flight Operations for United Airlines. *"These student pilots are receiving world-class flight training at United Aviate Academy and I'm looking forward to the day when they join our current United pilots on the flight deck."*

United Aviate Academy, whose corporate name is Westwind School of Aeronautics Phoenix, LLC, already has a fleet of 25 late-model Cirrus TRAC SR20 series single-engine aircraft, which feature advanced safety characteristics. This new order will add at least 25 brand-new TRAC SR20 aircraft beginning in May with options and purchase rights for up to 50 more. The SR20 features impressive capabilities that complement its stable flight characteristics. Its integrated Garmin® Perspective+ flight deck includes features found on advanced airliners such as two large flight displays, a Flight Management System keypad controller, an Electronic Stability and Protection system as well as integrated engine indication and crew alerting/warning systems.

Its durable all-composite airframe with the signature Cirrus Airframe Parachute System® makes the TRAC Series one of the safest and most versatile training airplanes available today. United Aviate Academy is also the launch partner for a significant expansion of CirrusIQ™, which allows for monitoring of flight data, enabling United Aviate Academy students and instructors to do enhanced debriefings after each lesson.

United Aviate Academy is breaking down barriers to introduce new pilots to rewarding careers. Last summer, United unveiled United Next, which will revolutionize the United flying experience and add more than 500 new aircraft. United plans to hire at least 10,000 new pilots by 2030 to meet this need. United will find those pilots through targeted recruiting, strategic partnerships and scholarship and financial aid solutions.

## **United Plans to Expand Service to Cape Town** **With Year-Round, Non-Stop Flights** **From New York/Newark** **February 10, 2022**



United today announced it plans to expand service to one of the world's most popular vacation destinations by offering three nonstop flights per week, year-round, between New York/Newark and Cape

Town International Airport, subject to government approval. The new schedule starts on June 5 and means that more than 85 U.S. cities – including places like Chicago, Houston, Washington, D.C. and Los Angeles – will be more conveniently connected to one of the 24 best cities in the world.

United will fly a 787-9 Dreamliner aircraft that includes 48 lie-flat, United Polaris® business class seats, 21 United Premium Plus® seats and 39 seats in Economy Plus®. All seats are equipped with seatback on-demand entertainment to help customers pass the time and relax during their travels.

United is the only airline to offer nonstop flights between the U.S. and Cape Town and offers more flights to South Africa than any other North American carrier.

*"By offering flights to Cape Town year-round, we're making it even easier for our customers to visit one of the world's best destinations,"* said Patrick Quayle, United's senior vice president of international network planning and alliances. *"United's direct flights from New York/Newark cut the usual travel time to Cape Town by more than five hours, giving visitors extra time to enjoy the beauty and majesty of South Africa."*

According to Expedia's 2022 Travel Trends Report, more than two-thirds of Americans (68%) are planning to go big on their next trip, and nearly a third plan to visit a bucket-list destination this year. This resurgence in international travel is something those in the South African tourism industry are eagerly awaiting.

*"This announcement provides much-needed relief to the tourism and hospitality sector in the Western Cape and will support economic recovery in the province,"* said Wrenelle Stander, CEO of Wesgro. *"We welcome the news of this expansion and thank United Airlines for their commitment to serving this world-class tourism destination."*

United first launched flights to Cape Town in December 2019, and it quickly became one of the airline's marquee international routes. The airline later built upon this success in Africa with the launch of flights between New York/Newark and Johannesburg in June 2021, new service between Washington D.C. and Accra, Ghana in May 2021 and between Washington D.C. and Lagos, Nigeria in November 2021.

This expanded service also strengthens United's leading network from New York/Newark. United offers service

to 74 international destinations from New York/Newark, more than any U.S. carrier. In 2022, the airline will introduce new service to additional international destinations including Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Azores, Portugal; Bergen, Norway; Tenerife, Spain and Nice, France.

Cape Town is South Africa's second-largest city and a melting pot of creativity and cuisine, ranking among the most beautiful in the world. Four towns in the Western Cape Province - Knysna, Stellenbosch, Hermanus, and Cape Town - were recently among the Top 100 Most Loved Places In The World in a global consumer sentiment analysis conducted by the destination marketing agency, Destination Think.

### **United Airlines and PGA TOUR Team Up to Provide Travel Grants to 50+ HBCU Golf Programs** **February 7, 2022**



United Airlines along with the PGA TOUR today announced that United will award 51 golf teams at Historically Black Colleges and Universities with more than half a million dollars

in grants, divided equally among the schools, to fund travel for golf tournaments and recruiting efforts. The donation is part of United Airlines and the PGA TOUR's shared commitment to diversify and grow the sport and provide resources that allow HBCUs to recruit and compete at the highest levels of collegiate golf. Each school will receive \$10,000 in travel credits, enabling more than 250 student-athletes, coaches and their equipment to fly United to compete in high-profile tournaments that were previously out of reach. HBCU golf coaches attribute the lack of access to air travel among the greatest barriers to developing successful golf programs.

*"Removing barriers for HBCU students to have the same opportunities given to other collegiate athletes will open doors for countless young Black golfers to achieve their dreams and for HBCU golf programs to develop to their full potential,"* said United President Brett Hart. *"United is committed to advancing inclusion and racial equity and that begins with making meaningful mentorship and scholarship investments in the communities we serve."*

These grants will allow each team the opportunity to attend more tournaments this season, including events like the prestigious PGA Works Collegiate Championship, Mardi Gras Golf Invitational and Black College Golf Coaches Association Houston National Invitational. Previously, many HBCU golf teams would not have the resources to compete at these events or would have to drive, which requires student-athletes to take multiple days away from school.

*"The golf program at Winston-Salem State University came back to the school for the first time in 10 years last fall. This year, the United Airlines grant will impact our program's ability to travel tremendously,"* said Winston-Salem State University Head Golf Coach Charles Penny,

II. *"It now allows for our program to consider more tournaments to play in the fall. Specifically, this past fall, we were only able to play one tournament due to limitations in our travel budget. This fall, we will be able to add close to four."* For the student-athletes, the opportunity to compete in more tournaments isn't just about improving their game – the relationships they build off the course with mentors and golf and industry professionals can make a difference in their ability to pursue the sport as a career.

*"We are super grateful and excited to have the support of United Airlines to make for excellent and safe travel to our tournaments,"* said Christyn Carr, a golfer at North Carolina A&T State University. *"It gives us the freedom to compete in different states that we have not been able to go to before, and it allows us to have more time on the course than on the road. I'm looking forward to reaching new heights this semester, not only in our game but in our travel."* United is the "Official Airline of the PGA Tour," and the organization's first sponsor to support the Tour's larger HBCU Grant Program. Developed in early 2021 by the Tour's HBCU task force, the program aims to leverage the Tour's partner network in order to offset the financial burdens many HBCU golf programs face.

*"On behalf of the PGA Tour, I'd like to express my appreciation to longtime partner United Airlines for their support of HBCU golf programs and the many collegiate golfers who will benefit going forward,"* said PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan. *"We have made a pledge to help diversify the landscape of competitive golf and this collaboration between United Airlines and these colleges and universities will be a significant step towards leveling the playing field and enhancing the student-athlete experience along the way"*

In addition to travel grants, student athletes will have access to mentorship and career coaching from United employees. This summer, United will work with golf influencer Roger Steele along with select PGA Tour professionals to showcase the depth and skill HBCU golf programs offer across the country through a four-part digital content series.

United's travel grants through the PGA TOUR's HBCU Grant Program will serve 51 current golf programs offered at HBCUs.

### **So Simple From Sheryl**



**Sheryl Schubert**

Salt and pepper

I am not a fan of spicy food, but this recipe can be changed from mild to spicy. Hope you enjoy a new recipe for Cinco de Mayo!

#### **Green Chili:**

1½ pounds cubed pork  
1 cup water  
1 large onion, chopped  
Garlic salt or 2 cloves garlic, crushed

4 cans tomatoes with chilies. I use mild, but it does come spicier.

1 tsp. coriander

½ tsp. cumin

½ tsp. chili powder

Diced jalapeno in can. I omit as that is too spicy for me.

¼ tsp. oregano

Roll pork in flour mixed with the salt and pepper. Brown in a small amount of oil and simmer for 10 minutes in water. Add onion, spices and chilies. Cook 2 hours.

I fix mine with the chili rolled in a warm tortilla. You can also put in refried beans, cheese or whatever you want. I top with chili, tomato, lettuce, cheese and sour cream. ■

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

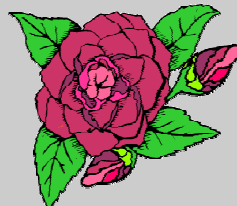
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## **LOCAL NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**



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Here in Birmingham, we are still an active group with about 14 members. However, we are reluctant to meet in a restaurant with Covid concerns, but we are looking forward to getting back together soon.

We meet three times yearly and invite all retired United friends and families to join us. Call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 for more information.

### **ARIZONA**



#### **PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS**

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Happy Easter To All! We hope everyone will enjoy this special day. When I was a lot younger, we really got dressed up with a new coat, dress, hat, purse, shoes, and even gloves! Don't see that these days, but so much has changed over the years! Kids still love coloring eggs and getting special candy, which is always a treat! Having a special dinner, like Ham, was always a tradition too. We hope Easter will be extra special for all!

We had 29 people at our February 25<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert. We had several new people who joined us. They were **Matalynne & Herb Wandel**, who live in Fountain Hills, AZ, as well as Chicago, IL. Matalynne worked at CHIRR and WHQRA. **Bernard Eilers** lives in Tempe AZ, and worked at EXO and CHIRR. **Marilyn Fairley** lives in Tempe and worked at SFOCS, PHXCS and SFOSW and **Craig Toby** lives in Mesa. It was great seeing new faces once again at our get-togethers.

Our March 9<sup>th</sup> Luncheon held at the Perch Pub & Brewery in Chandler will be reported in next month's Newsletter. Our President **Debbie Schulte** made the arrangements. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Our last spring lunch, which used to be a picnic, will be Thursday, April 13 at the Birdies Bar & Grill at the



Fountain of the Sun, 801 E. Broadway in Mesa, starting at 11:00 am with the Social Hour, and lunch at 12:00. This is the event where we get our new directories which the **Griffins** have been working on. Please let the **Griffins** know whether you plan on being there by April 5<sup>th</sup>. Joann's cell phone is (815) 404-7979 and John's is (608) 613-0090. The luncheon is free for our Re-United members. We hope to see many of our members there.

One of our members, **Mitch Golding's** father passed away recently. It's always sad losing a family member. Our sympathy goes out to him.

Please remember to renew or sign-up for our monthly RUAEA Newsletter. It is full of so much good information to keep us up-to-date on what is going on with our company and all the chapters in the system. The membership dues are only \$30 a year. You can mail your check to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver. CO 80207-2433, or you can use your credit card on line at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Be sure to include your file number on all correspondence. It's always interesting to see what other chapters in the United States are doing. Here is where you get all the information about the Convention, which will be held at DANA on Mission Bay October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. The same place we had our Convention last year, which everyone really liked.

We have the following birthdays in April: **Dot Kuspis, Bernie Eilers, Mary Sevigny, Roger Sevigny, Lynn Hubbard, Chuck Strohmaier and Orland Baldwin**. Happy Birthday to all of you! We have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary: **Olga & Oscar Aguilar** and **Bill & Shirley Eaton**. Happy Anniversary to both couples!

#### Calendar:

**March 25** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know if you will be attending by Wednesday, March 23 by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**April 13** - Annual Spring Get-together at the Birdies Bar & Grill, Fountain of the Sun, 801 E. Broadway in Mesa, starting at 11:00 for the Social Hour and Luncheon at 12:00 noon. Please let the **Griffins** know whether you will be attending by April 5 at their cell phones (815) 404-7979 or (608) 613-0090.

**April 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know if you will be attending by Wednesday, April 20 by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net) or by phone at (480) 396-3317.





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

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

We look forward to seeing you.


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Come one come all! If you are in the Northern California area, please join the Northstaters at the Olive Garden in Chico, CA on Wednesday, March 23 at 11:30 AM.

We would love to see you!

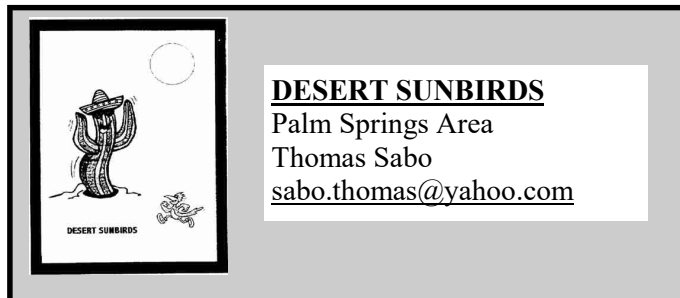


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We had our February meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> at the Dos Carlitos restaurant in Santa Ynez. The members present were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Ken & Stella Bake** along with two guests, **Bob & Esther Bartlett** brought one

guest, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. It was planned for 9 to attend, but there was a total of 12. **Nina Powers** was unable to attend since her caregiver was not available. As usual, **Al & Marilyn Rybar** were unable to attend so Mike forwarded this information so I could send it to the Newsletter.

Otherwise our members seem to be avoiding the COVID and other viruses as I am. It was a beautiful day for the luncheon and the group was able to sit outside where they enjoyed the service and food. Times like that we miss due to health reasons and miss socializing with friends.



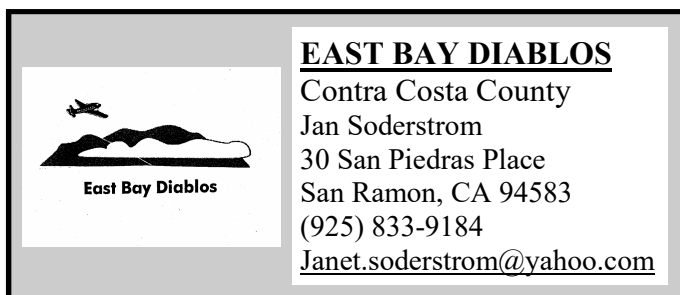
### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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We did not meet in March, so there is no report this month from the Desert Sunbirds. Our next luncheon is scheduled for April 13.



### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Happy April from the East Bay Diablos group! I hope that 2022 has been good for everyone so far.

Our group is now holding in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. As I write this on March 7, masks and proof of vaccination are no longer required in restaurants. Thankfully, Covid numbers look very encouraging at this time. In the last week, in Contra Costa County, the 7-day average of new cases per day is down by 33%, and the number of hospitalized Covid patients has dropped 25%. The restaurants are dealing with staff shortages, so we still have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [diangriego@aol.com](mailto:diangriego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 prior to the meeting. I have also put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

We had so much fun wearing red for our Christmas party and taking a group picture, we did it again for this month. We just changed the color to green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day a bit early. Almost everyone managed to find something green in their closet to wear. **Tom Johnson** really got into the spirit. He went to a local thrift shop a few days before our meeting and bought a **very** green shirt! **Carol Parks** wore a green fascinator and a green necklace that lit up. **Diane Griego** wore a lovely scarf with shamrocks. **Barb Cunningham** said this was so much fun we should make this an annual tradition. So, Tom, hang on to that shirt for next year!

At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. This month we had wine and a Barista Set. I am still keeping my New Year's resolution to remember who won the money in our raffle.

At our February meeting, we decided to try a new



**Left to right: Tom Cunningham, Arnold Hansen, Jr., Georgia Bouska, Carol Parks, Poldi Von Muhlfeld, Rich Bouska, Barbara Cunningham, Diane Griego, Russ Kennedy, Glenda Kennedy, Jan Soderstrom, Margaret McGhee, Tom Johnson, Nancy Boyle, and Joseph McGhee.**



restaurant for our meetings. Our March meeting was held March 7<sup>th</sup> at The Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek with 15 members in attendance. **Diane Griego** did a fantastic job of contacting the restaurant and reserving their banquet room. We voted to return to Black Bear Diner in April. At this point I do not know if, going forward, we will meet solely at Black Bear Diner or do a “mix” with The Old Spaghetti Factory. Stay tuned. We missed **Tracey Blanchard** who was still sunbathing in Maui. I think she has stockpiled a year’s supply of Vitamin D by now! We missed **Ken Price** who hurt his back, just when he felt it was safe to come to meetings again. **Joe & Wilma Leather** had a plumbing disaster which flooded their downstairs. They had to pack everything up and move furniture into the garage. If you have been through a remodel or a renovation you know that demolition is the easy part, followed by nasty surprises, and then reconstruction. The day of our meeting was the day the workers started the reconstruction phase. We all wish Wilma & Joe the best and hope their home can be put together as soon as possible. And we will really miss **Darlene Platten** who moved to Arizona; all the best to you, Darlene, in your new home. After lunch, we held our raffle and **Carol Parks** won the money.

At lunch, **Barbara Cunningham** told an amazing story. In mid-February, all of a sudden, she experienced confusion and memory loss. They called 911 and the responding paramedics said it was not a stroke. A short time later, to play it safe, they went to the ER. Barbara was diagnosed with Transient Global Amnesia, a rare medical condition in which a person experiences a sudden episode of memory loss. TGA occurs in approximately 3 to 10 people out of every 100,000. During a TGA episode, a person cannot form new memories and has difficulty recalling recent memories. Transient means “passing,” and TGA episodes usually last no more than several hours. In rare cases, TGA lasts up to 24 hours. People with TGA remember who they are and can remember their friends and family members. They can still perform complex daily tasks, such as cooking or driving. They also retain their language and social interaction skills. However, during a TGA episode, they may not know where they are or the day or time.

And now for the really amazing part of this story, beyond the rarity of having TGA. Barbara is an identical twin. About the same time, her twin sister started having the same symptoms! Her husband drove her to the ER. Barbara and her twin were in the ER at the same time with TGA!

**Carol Parks** told another amazing story. At one point she was in the ER. Although she was being treated for something else, she told the doctors she was experiencing fleeting pains in her right arm. Because there is a history of congestive heart failure in her family, she was referred to a cardiologist. He ran tests which all came back negative. Carol persisted. She told the doctor she

knew something was wrong because her dog was putting her head on her legs, something she had never done before. The doctor listened to her and ran an angiogram. They found a found a 90% blockage and immediately put in a stent. Her dog stopped putting her head on Carol’s legs. But a year later, her dog started doing it again. Carol went back to the cardiologist and told him what her dog was doing. He put her in the hospital and he put in two more stents.

*Lake Michigan Ice Boulders* ~ Have you ever heard of ice boulders? I am ashamed to say that I had not, and I grew up in Michigan! I learned about them thanks to a post on Facebook. Ice boulders are beautiful ice formations considered a Great Lakes phenomenon. Conditions have to be just right for this phenomenon to occur—the right temperature; and combination of snow, ice and wave action. The pearl-like ice orbs are created by wave action. Ice pieces first break off from larger sheets on the lake, then are tumbled and smoothed, while bulk is added, as they toss in the freshwater surf. The temperature and the size of the waves determine whether ice balls can grow and the results can range from the size of ping pong balls to large boulders.

On January 23, giant ice boulders were out in earnest at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. My friend’s daughter lives in Charlevoix, Michigan, at the tip of Michigan’s Lower Peninsula. She was able to see the boulders out in the lake as she drove from Charlevoix to Petoskey. A week later, ice boulders could be seen at Indiana Dunes State Park. Locals are not the only ones who get to marvel at these formations. The state parks share their sightings on social media and tourists flock to see them.

Here is a link to a video of ice boulders floating in Lake Michigan:

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/michigan/2021/02/05/video-shows-incredible-spheres-of-ice-forming-on-lake-michigan/>

**Barbara Cunningham** has resumed collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use “all the cards he can get.” If you have cards you’d like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. Many thanks to **Marcella Kern** of Old Bridge, NJ who mailed cards to me for Barbara. I gave them to her at this meeting.

*Troupon Coupons* ~ I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. An estimated 160,000 military families experienced difficulty putting food on the table in 2020, according to Feeding America, a network of food banks and meal programs that provides

meals to the hungry. Troops in junior enlisted ranks are especially vulnerable to food insecurity — almost 30% need help.

My Daughters of the Revolution chapter participates in the Troupon “Coupons for Troops” program through the charity Support our Troops. The collected coupons are then distributed to military personnel for use in their commissaries. The coupons have to say “Manufacturer’s Coupon”. The overseas commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date. Last year our chapter collected \$58,000 in coupons to send to the troops! In my area, the coupons come in the Tuesday and Sunday papers. The lady in charge of our chapter project confessed to getting a lot of coupons while “dumpster diving” at her local post office! I turn them in to her once a month and I can’t wait to see how many coupons you all send me (to address above). Normally I turn over a small envelope full of coupons. With your help I’d love to turn over a huge envelope of coupons every month.

Wordle ~ So, have you tried playing Wordle yet? Are you now as addicted as I am? Last month I gave you the rules and how to download the game. As it turns out, five years ago, Steven Cravotta created Wordle!, a time-based game as an app. Then Josh Wardle developed his Wordle game as web-based, which means you can only get it from the official website. Wordle works on the following platforms: Android, Microsoft Windows, Linux and Macintosh operating systems.

Josh Wardle sold the rights to the New York Times in January 2022. To get the game, Google “Wordle” and then click on the first response which says “Wordle – New York Times.” You can then bookmark the site on your computer to easily pull up the game every day. Last month I gave you the link to the website so you can download the game. Now, when you Google Wordle, you get the new link which shows the New York Times. For a while there was a lot of confusion because both Wordle games were in the Apple store as downloadable apps. In fact, Steven Cravotta made \$50,000 from people trying to get Josh Wardle’s version of Wordle.

Here is the link to put Josh Wardle’s Wordle on your Iphone or Android:

<https://www.laptopmag.com/how-to/how-to-install-wordle-on-an-iphone-or-android-phone>

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. The cruises in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled, but RUPA is planning to have a cruise in 2022. This cruise will be Holland America’s 14-Day Great Alaskan Explorer departing Vancouver on September 18 and returning on October 2. The ship will be the Noordam. This is a cruise to experience glaciers, fjords, inlets, rivers, streams and wildlife galore. You will sail the Inside Passage, visit Ketchikan and Juneau, cruise Tracy Arm, visit

Icy Strait Point, cruise Glacier Bay, visit Skagway and Sitka, and cruise the Misty Fjords and Inside Passage again on the return. You can view all the info on this cruise on the Holland America website at [www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com). In the destination box, select Alaska & Yukon, in the duration box select 9-16 days, and in the departure box select Vancouver. This cruise will be the last one on page 2. Also, as Rich says, this cruise is open to all - friends and family, flight attendants and RUEA members. The more the merrier and the greater our group discount!

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

▲ Monday, April 4 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [dian-griego@aol.com](mailto:dian-griego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, March 31.

▲ Monday, May 2 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at [dian-griego@aol.com](mailto:dian-griego@aol.com) or (925) 676-6097 by Thursday, April 28. Confirm the location with Diane Griego when you RSVP as we have not decided which location at the time of this article submission.

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

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Blue skies, a little bit of rain, snow on our nearby mountains (and much needed snow in the Tahoe region – which will help our drinking water later on,) temps in the high 30’s (yes, yes – we left-coasters rarely get down to freezing,) and high winds that played havoc with the trees. Our flowering trees are flowering – ‘tis a pretty sight and it is still supposed to be winter?

Our intrepid Prezident, **Vera Kina**, honked her horn and brought us to order with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence for those who have gone before us - with special pleas for Peace in Europe. She kept the meeting short as we are clicking our chopsticks at our Chinese New Years’ luncheon at a local restaurant at noon. Everyone loves food and we had a good turnout for this event. 23 of us rode our rickshaws over to Tai

Wu – the food was great and everyone took home leftovers as the portions were plentiful and delicious. Several people did not stay for the food – ahhh, you missed a dandy meal!

Just an update on the parking at the SFO MOC – no new news, you had to have worked at the MOC, pick up the necessary parking permit the day before at the MOC lobby and they can tell you how to get to the Aerodrome. Remember to save October 3-9, 2022 for the RUAEA convention in SAN – the Dana Hotel with good pricing (\$129 per day,) free breakfast, free parking, no resort fees and much more. **Vera Kina, Peter Cooper and Ginger Dahlberg** were invited to the RAFA (Retired Airline Flight Attendants) meeting in February, same room as our meetings so we didn't get lost. A pot-luck luncheon, a nice turnout and very gracious members who made us feel very welcome. There is some talk among RAFA/RUAEA/RUPA groups of combining the three groups at the convention in SAN. Sounds promising - stay tuned for more info.

Mark your calendars for our March 28<sup>th</sup> Saint Paddy's Day luncheon – the Board will supply the Corn Beef and Cabbage, carrots and potatoes – members please bring side dishes or dessert.

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes of our last meeting – they were approved as read (if you disagree with the minutes, you automatically become the Secretary – someone, please disagree!) The roster will be available soon – need your dues.

Treasurer **Peter Cooper** reported not much activity this past month. He has paid our monthly rent for the Blue Bird Room for this year 2022. He encouraged those of you who have not done so, to please send in your dues so that the roster can be up-dated and distributed to members. \$20 per member.

Our Membership Lady **Barbara Underhill** sang Happy Birthday to **Carol Walter, Vera Kina** and **Bill Heinrich**. Must be over 200 years of combined Natal days! No one got married this past month but we do have some people who need cheering up: **Harriet Kunze** – our Raffle lady and **George Midwin** (our Regional Director) are keeping the doctors busy – our thoughts are with you – get well soon. We welcomed new members today (see, having good food does draw people in,) **Jerry Marsala** (and wife **Pat**, and their guests **Al & Linda Durr**,) **Marian Bruns** (RAFA chapter President,) **Merle & Jean Ann Kohr** – a warm welcome to y'all – mark your calendars for our meetings.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** invites you to the Columbia River Cruise in October 11 – 20, 2022 – oars provided. Day excursions are in the making – trains, casinos, and fun times.

Historian news – we are celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary – bigggg cake on April 25<sup>th</sup> - lotsa candles!

Keep the Faith, stay well, get out there and run around the block and enjoy our new mandates (that

change every hour – which keeps your brain busy!) No complaining allowed.

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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Secretary

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Hello to All!

Is February 14<sup>th</sup> - aka Valentine's Day - a special day for you? **Bill & Pati Kenney** arranged for us to come together at the Round Table Pizza Parlor in Cameron Park. We were able to have a room to ourselves that even had closable doors giving us some privacy and a sound barrier so we could do our dining and visiting without disturbing their other patrons. As it happened, that Monday - Valentine's Day - is their actual anniversary day! We all had a bit of a "blast from the past"! Our tables had those little heart shaped candies with the "messages" on them - like "Hug Me", "Kiss Me", you know the kind that we enjoyed waaaaay back when we were in grade school! Their texture is still kind of "chalky" but they tasted good anyway. **Rudy Blazius** extended our "Thank You" for organizing the luncheon and then a "Happy Anniversary" to Bill & Pati (41 years) as well as to our other members who have February anniversaries: **Bob & Dorean Ames** (74 years!); **Jerry & Dolores Avallone**; **Oscar & Joyce Olivera**; **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (67 years). We didn't have any birthday folks present this month, but, if you get to count candles on a cake in February, we hope you have a great birthday! **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** brought their friend, **June McClain**, to the luncheon - Welcome, June.

*President ~* **Rudy Blazius** brought more things to discuss - keep on reading!

*Vice President ~* Our new VP, **JR Heier**, was not at the luncheon today.

*Treasurer ~* We were fortunate to have **Tom Kenny** join us today. Tom let us know that our checking account is, once more, building. There are still several of you (yes, I'm "looking" at you!) who need to send in their annual dues of just \$10.00. Also reminding you that if you want to be able to stay at the "\$10.00" amount, you need to get those dues sent in to Tom before the end of March. Of course we won't be kicking you out of the Hangtown Miners, but, the annual dues will increase to



\$20.00 after that! Who doesn't like a bargain? Send your check made out to Hangtown Miners for \$10.00 to **Tom Kenny**; 3481 Parleys Canyon; Placerville, CA 95667. It has been our custom in past years to send a donation to a local charity. Tom would like to delay that generous gesture for a month or so to allow our balance to build up a bit more. However, be thinking about what/which local organization you would like to help. Tom has been working with an instructor from the Sacramento City College's A&P mechanics program. There are some students who really need your help. If you have extra tools - especially tools that would be used on airplanes - and you would like to get rid of them so you have more space in your garage and get a charity write off - please, gather them up and bring them to one of our luncheons/meetings. Tom will get them to the right person and will have a receipt showing you have made a charitable donation. Tom has given me a list of what they need.

*Secretary* ~ I sure need to identify the button that sends my emails without my realizing it! So, **Jane Gibson** didn't have anything to report.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** did not have anything new to report, but wanted to say a very big Hello-Welcome Back to **Ed, Lindalee Akin** and their daughter, **Julie**.

*Historian* ~ **Roy & Dawn Martin** are thinking about how to best move forward with our system for our history. Historians in the past have put their own, unique touch on our memory albums. Each of you did a great job. But, since we all are now in the age of "technology", (obviously that statement does not include **me**), Roy wondered if it would work out for us to use some other way to utilize that technology instead of printing out the pictures. When **Thom Biro** was Historian, he set up a website (free) where we could go and look at our pictures and memories. During the two years he held that position, only a very few of us actually did that. So Thom removed the site. **Pati Kenney** kept up the traditional albums beautifully. However, hauling the albums to and from our meetings is a pain, so if you have a suggestion for a better, more efficient way to keep our history, bring your ideas to our luncheon/meeting and share it with Roy and/or Dawn ... or, you could just get in touch with them. A suggestion of using something like a disc or thumb drive was mentioned. Come on folks, you must have experienced other ways with other groups!

*New Business* ~ No new business was discussed today.

*Old Business* ~ Rudy shared with us that a "Celebration of Life" for **Bill Dinette** will (hopefully/probably) be sometime in May. Linda does not have details pinned down yet, but, as soon as we know, we will share it with all of you.

Okay, we are going to return to a topic that was hashed over at some length over several meetings. As

part of (one of) your contracts, for the mechanics, a \$10,000 Life Insurance Policy by Cigna began. Now, there are specific things that determine whether - or not - you qualify for this policy. It doesn't help that between now and back then, UAL filed for bankruptcy and merged with Continental. Well, Rudy has grappled with this because some people are told they "qualify" while others do not. Rudy advises all of us to not be put off when you call about this policy. The money is there. You have to be persistent because we've been told that some people called and were told "no" but called again and a different person said "yes". Should you be making sure your estate is in order, having a letter saying that you do qualify for the money would be a plus.

Rudy brought in that all-important list of "Important Contact Numbers" that you can find in your monthly RUAEA Newsletter. While I did include those numbers at the tail end of our minutes last month, apparently it was soooooo far down the page, most of you didn't realize it was there! I will post it again, but this time be extra sure to look it over because Rudy has included two new numbers that are important: Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and Cigna so you can claim your policy. You can include all this important information when you fill out your estate planning paper. Now, since we are included in that all so special "Senior" category, it really is important to be sure we keep our info updated. Things like our passwords, where our bank accounts are, where you keep your things like pink slips, doctor numbers, insurance policies, (did you know you're supposed to send in the original paperwork for those policies?). Do you have your living trust? Will? Directives? And, speaking as a very bossy mother, have you written down what you want to go to whom? Can avoid many arguments/discussions!

*Contributions* ~ Some of you may have received calls - or letters - from Aetna Senior Advantage Care. Maybe they want to come out to visit with you but you aren't sure it's all above board and, do you really want a stranger coming to your home! Obviously, if something sounds "off" about the call, do **not** invite them to come to your house. But, these can be legitimate representatives who may be helpful. Our visitor, June, said that she allowed a fellow to come to her place and it has worked out well for her. He calls once a month to be sure she is doing well and see if there's anything she needs. Doe said that she received a letter, not a call. Donna, Doe's daughter-in-law, cautioned to be careful when you give out your information. You, of course, can always call their office to confirm that person is really who they say.

Okay, I think that covers everything. Our next luncheon will be at the Buttercup Pantry Restaurant & Bakery on Main St. in Placerville on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Rudy shared this: Did you know? By replacing your potato chips with grapefruit as a snack you can lose

up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life! He then brought our meeting to a close.

Since JR wasn't there, **Judy Fitzpatrick** handled the raffle for him. As luck would have it, **Jack Fitzpatrick** won the donator's prize! A huge "Thank You" to all of you who brought something for our raffle: **Kenney** - hanging planter, soaps, heart; **Fitzpatrick** - candy - heart; **Blazius** - wine; **Wolfram** - candy &?; **Barton/Kozelka** - olive oil; **D & D Pope** - fresh eggs (2); **Doe Pope** - peppers/peaches; **Gibson** - wind chime; **Roy Martin** - oil diffuser; **Dawn Martin** - lunch box; **Biro** - cheeseboard; **Kenny** - cookies; **Akin** - eggs, plant; **DeVore** - wine, rose.



We had another good turnout for our breakfast with 28 retirees and 2 new retirees, **Peg Comstock** and **Sandra Davis** joining the United family from Continental. There were no March Birthdays and several retirees are out traveling and cruising.

**Tom Prewitt** has just returned home from his second stay in the hospital with a heart attack and recurring problems. We pray for him as he progresses along his path to recovery.

Last but not least ~ San Diego is going to be hosting the 2022 Convention again this year. Mark the dates, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - October 9<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming as we go along.

A very popular San Diego venue is the USS Midway. I have no tour information at this time but I am going to begin by giving some highlights of the Midway and other topics that may be of interest.

The Final Cruise: In August 1991, the Midway departed from Yokosuka for the last time and returned to Pearl Harbor. The Independence was scheduled to replace the Midway as the primary deployed carrier in Yokosuka. Rear Admiral Joseph Prueher was the last Admiral to break his flag on the Midway; she then sailed to Seattle for a port visit and disembarked "tigers" (guests of crew members) before making her last and final voyage to San Diego.

Midway was decommissioned at Naval Air Station North Island on April 11, 1992. The main speaker was Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney. On January 10, 2004 she was moored at her final location, where she was opened to the public as a museum on June 7, 2004. In the first year, the museum had 879,281 visitors, more

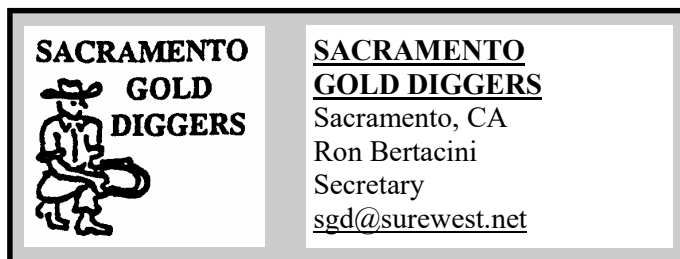
than double the expected attendance. Additional information on the Midway will be continued in the following issues.

#### Calendar:

**April 7** – Breakfast, Pt. Loma Café, (619) 226-0255, 4865 North Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92106.

**TBD** – Spring Fling.

**October 3-9** – RUAEA Convention.



The Gold Diggers met at Lucille's BBQ in Rocklin on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had 21 members and 4 guests as we celebrated President's Day and honoring our Past Presidents. **Marji Milam-Gabert** had two guests, **Elsa Powers** and **Myla Quach**, both have retired from the United Club at SFO, **Judie King's** guest **Ellen Alexander**, a friend and **Sonda Sandstedt's** brother **Gary** was also a guest. It was so good to see Sonda and Judie back with us.

President **Dave Garland** opened the meeting by introducing the guests. Dave then brought us up to date on some industry. United Airlines now has a flight school, United Aviate Academy in Goodyear, AZ. The school is designed to train new pilots, the first class of 30 started on December 6, 2021. Since the Academy opened, there have been over 9,600 applicants. The plan is to graduate some 500 pilots a month to try to keep up with the overall pilot shortage. United has purchased 25 CIRRUS SR-20 aircraft and has an option for 50 more. At present, United is the only airline with its own flight school.

Reports: Vice President **Barbara Bertacini** advised that the March luncheon will be on Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup> at the Black Bear Dinner in Auburn and hosted by **Angie & Frank Dellinger**. More details will follow. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that there are three wedding anniversaries for February: **Sherrie & Irv Wolfram** (67 years), **Stephanie & Ken Norton** (58 years) and **Sidnee & Jack McKinney** (56 years). If anyone is interested in hosting a future month, please let Ron know via email at [sgd@surewest.net](mailto:sgd@surewest.net). Treasurer **Judie King** gave a report that the chapter is still solvent, she also reminded everyone that the 2022 dues are due, \$10.00 per couple. You can forward your check to **Judie King**, 11886 Heather Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95949 and be sure to make the check payable to the Sacramento Gold Diggers. Our Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** mentioned that it was so good to see Judie after her illness and Sonda who had

been away for an extended time with her illness. Our Roster guy **Jack Raynor** hopes to have our 2022 Roster completed by the end of March. Our Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** let everyone know how glad she was to be able to join us again. She thanked everyone for the cards and well wishes and of course prayers.


Dave wanted to fill us in of some trivia about this date in history and celebrity birthdays ... maybe the dog ate it because he couldn't find it so we tried to help out: 1455 Gutenberg prints his first Bible, 1689 William III is proclaimed King of England, 1836 the Battle of the Alamo begins, 1919 Benito Mussolini forms the Fascist Party in Italy, 1927 Calvin Coolidge forms the FCC (Federal Communication Commission), 1934 Casey Stengel becomes manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers baseball team, 1945 flag raising on Iwo Jima and the iconic photo that followed. A few people born on February 23 ~ 1915 Paul Tibbets pilot of the Enola Gay that dropped the first Atomic Bomb, 1937 Tom Osborne football coach with 25 years at the University of Nebraska, 1940 Peter Fonda actor and son of Henry Fonda, 1943 Fred Biletnikoff football player for the Oakland Raiders and 1951 Patricia Richardson, actress who played Tim Allen's wife on Home Improvement.

There were two birthdays in February, **Jack Raynor** and **Ed Vanderzyl**; the roll off went to Jack who was a few dollars richer.



The Past Presidents in attendance were introduced. As shown in above picture from L to R: **Ron Bertacini**, **Sonda Sandstedt**, **Frank Dellinger**, **Ken Norton**, **Jim Simon** and **Dave Garland**.

We ended with our monthly raffle of donated prizes.



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Hello everyone!


Have you recovered from the festivities, parties, and snacks from all the fun times you had during the holi-

days. Now it's time to watch our food intake (diet time for me) and get ready for the dreaded tax appointment. Uncle Sam is waiting for us! Hope you all remembered your special someone on Valentines Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our Chapter had a fun Christmas luncheon at Firenze's Italian Restaurant in Oakdale on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Eighteen of us gathered and we had a great time. We had a guest, **George Midwin**, and his lovely wife **Julie**. George is the Regional Director of the Northwestern region and he shared some exciting information with us; retirees are getting back their free parking for 2 weeks at the airport. Yeah! on that news.

We got together in February and we will meet again in March at Huckleberry's Restaurant in Oakdale. If anyone would like any information about our chapter, San Joaquiners, please contact our president **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210 if you would like information about our chapter.

Come and join us at any of our luncheons. We meet in various locations.



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**Submitted by Chuck Clayborn, President RUAEA South Bay**

With the COVID cases dropping to a safer level, we will recommence our monthly meetings at Holders Inn on March 7<sup>th</sup>. This long anticipated re-joining of the group comes none too soon.

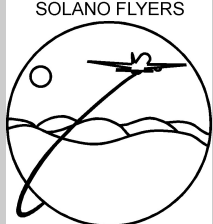
We have lost several members: **George Dye** in January and **Elfriede Grossman** in November to various causes in the last couple of months and hope our members can remain in good health. Precautions are still being suggested by the County, but we will muddle through.

Looking towards the future, we are planning our annual BBQ at Vasona Park for June 14<sup>th</sup>. More information for the BBQ will be forthcoming in the following months. We are hoping that normalcy can return to our area so that we can continue some of our outings as a group, and that places to visit are still accepting visitors. More will come out in next months Newsletter. Safe journeys to all.





## FLORIDA



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On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the following Flyers met at the Hide-a-Way Lounge & Grill in Vacaville: **Frank Uhl, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Stewart McCale, Bob Richie, Allan Pochop, Rudy Arsaga, Richard Cox, Eugene Boyce and Larry Jackson.**

There was no report in January from the Flyers meeting which consists of collection of annual dues and election of officers. This month, we want to announce that the membership elected **Larry Jackson** as the new Solano Flyers President.

Our next meeting will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Black Bear Restaurant, 111 Sunset Ave., Suisun City.

## COLORADO

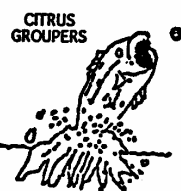


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Our March luncheon was a very informal get-together since our entire chapter officers were in San Diego attending the RUAEA Board Meeting and preparing for the Convention in October.

Our next luncheon is April 7<sup>th</sup> and we will get information on the upcoming convention.





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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA. If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at [wopahofl@comcast.net](mailto:wopahofl@comcast.net) or **Rich Capozzi** at [rcapozzi@rocketmail.com](mailto:rcapozzi@rocketmail.com).



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President **Al Fields** welcomed the RUAEA FL/GA Regional Director to today's meeting and luncheon at Denny's. **Marge Stamm**, along with her husband, **Vern**, were given a real Real McCoy's's round of applause! Marge is a current member of RUAEA and of the Chicago chapter, the Skyliners – North Side. She shared how great going to the annual RUAEA Convention is: The tours, the great hotel venue, the camaraderie, seeing old friends and meeting new ones, and urged us to consider the SAN Convention and joining RUAEA! Marge also works Mondays at the Mainliner store at the Reservations Center and urged us to come in and visit or go online to check out the great UA stuff for sale! [chicago-mainliner.com](http://chicago-mainliner.com).



President Al asked us to stand and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Al made a proposal to send a monetary donation to help Ukraine, that was seconded by **Angel Montalvo** and approved by all members present. President Al also suggested that we each send a letter to our Senators and House of Representatives asking them to support Ukraine.

Our April 5<sup>th</sup> Picnic which will be held at Cypress Grove Park, 290 East Holden Ave, Holden Heights, FL, in the Pavilion on property. It will be a BYOL&D (Bring Your Own Lunch & Drink) as in the past two years, due to COVID concerns. We will start around noon! Elaine will be bringing 2 boxes of airline memorabilia that **Janet Mummah** kindly donated to us after Jim's passing. It will be a veritable grab bag of treasures!

Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** took the floor to report on money matters. We are still very much in the black!

Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** read a thank you from Russell Home for our Christmas donation.

We lost a long-time member and dear friend, **Richard Armistead** on February 12, 2022. Richard was a DENMM mechanic, who came to MCO many years ago. He was 90 years young and he and **Gloria** would have celebrated 69 years married in November. The family held a private service for him later in February. The address for Gloria is 13108 Cog Hill Way, Orlando, FL 34771.

Our "Getting to Know You" guy this month is new member, **Dennis Schuster**. Dennis started with CO in Jan. 2001, here in MCOMM. He was furloughed after the UA/CO merger to CLEMM and worked mostly on 737/757's for 13 months. He returned to MCO and recently retired! PS He's a man of few words! Welcome, Dennis!

We celebrated our March Birthday Gal, **Bonnie Cook**, and a 57 years together March Anniversary by President Al & First Lady Lois! Let's all eat cake, blow up balloons, and sing together!

As always, please remember all our members who are especially in need of our prayers, both those we know of and those we don't ... that actually means all of us.



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

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During our March meeting, we were honored by the presence of RUAEA Florida/Georgia Region Director **Marge Stamm** and her husband **Vern**. She brought puzzles, pens, airplanes and other small tokens for each of us. She also brought applications for RUAEA and the RUAEA Newsletter. She encouraged any who are not members to join and attend the conventions.

We were sorry that so many of our members were unable to come to the meeting. Those in attendance were **Ed & Judy Clarke, Nancy Kopp, Roger Schonewise, Ray Jensen, Gary Crittenden, and Bill & Margie Burg**.

We discussed plans to have an end of season meeting at an upscale restaurant rather than the usual Steak Fry that we've enjoyed in the past. **Ray Jensen** volunteered to look into the availability of restaurants. Ray was the RUAEA Southwest Region Director prior to **Marge Stamm** assuming the job. They were able to discuss different facets of the job.

Our next two meetings are scheduled for April 1 and May 6; we then take a summer break until October 7.

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



#### **THE SAND DOLLARS**

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

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



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Our March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at IHOP; we welcomed another new member, **Tom McCain** from Spring Hill, FL. With 8 members in attendance, everyone introduced themselves to Tom; it is surprising how many UAL persons everyone knew from working with them. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Jon Wilkinson** celebrated his 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday in March. We talked about different UAL stations where our retired members worked with lots of stories.

Our upcoming picnic will be on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Anderson Park, Shelter #4. Bring a dish to share; we will meet to set up around 10:30. The luncheon is about 11:00 ish. We will email everyone about the Picnic.

Breakfast/Lunch was served and we had a very laid-back social meeting.

Hope to see everyone at the Spring Picnic! Meeting was adjourned.

#### Calendar:

**April 4** – Spring Picnic, Anderson Park, Tarpon Spring.

**May 2** – IHOP, 10:30



### TREASURE COAST

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

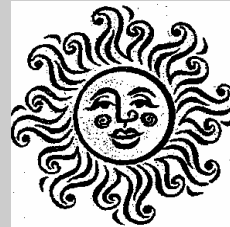


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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and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

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



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

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems did not meet in March since the COVID count is still high, chapter members have been notified. We just want to share the news that we lost two members of our organization during the past two months: **Bud Peters** and **Sharon Kolins**. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families.

At the present time, we are looking at the end of April for a possible meeting of our group.



## ILLINOIS



April—April showers bring Spring flowers. Along with high winds, hopefully to blow out all the last five poop months. Looking forward to seeing friends again. Missed some breakfasts because of the snow. Never in my life did I think five inches of snow would keep me away from friends and food. Times change us, don't they? I just thought I'd go gray and get wrinkles. What a shock the last few years have been. How about you? The same, I bet.

Notable day of April is Easter on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Then we have PB & J and World Marble Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Twinkies the 6<sup>th</sup>, Pet Day the 11<sup>th</sup>, Income Tax the 18<sup>th</sup>, Bananas and Chocolate Covered Cashews Day the 21<sup>st</sup>, Jelly Bean the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mani-Pedi and Penguin Day the 25<sup>th</sup>, Bugs Bunny and Adopt a Shelter Pet Day the 30<sup>th</sup>. April is Brunch, Canine Fitness, Alcohol Awareness, Esophageal Cancer Awareness, and the Month of Hope.

The April gem is the Diamond, ladies like that! The flowers are the beautiful friendly little daisy and the adorable little sweet pea. That little yellow middle is like a ray of sunshine, isn't it? Of course, there are other colors of daisies, we love them all. The sweet pea comes in a multitude of colors, pink being the most popular. Daisies are a symbol of purity, innocence and loyalty.

It's also a symbol of motherhood, which is why it's often given to new moms. The sweet peas are symbols of goodbye and thank you, which makes it a great farewell gift and thanks for a lovely time. Its bloom of delicate, blissful pleasure. We learn so much from flowers, don't we? I think they bring me happiness and helps cut through the dullness of the day. I always get a bouquet of flowers when at Jewel or Costco.

The tradition of April Fool's Day is a bit of mystery. Some think it started in Roman times, when the new year started April 1. The Gregorian changed it to January 1 but I guess some people didn't get the memo, and still celebrated in April. So the Roman's played tricks on them, calling them April Fools. Some think it was related to the festival of Hilaria in Rome, celebrated the end of March, to early April. People dressed up in disguises and mocked fellow citizens, inspired by Egyptian legend of Isis, Osiris and Seth. Today, we just are silly, tell false outrageous stories, and hope our friends will believe us. Then we laaaauugghhhh!

The Northside and Southside breakfasts were can-

celed because of weather, hopefully March will bring warmer breezes and more interest. It's been cold and snowy on our breakfast days, shame on the weathermen! The ORDMM mechanics were a hearty bunch, **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Rich Protsman, John Kovacik, Frank Rainier, Bill Durr, Frank Wenig, Jim Kraft, Walt Chornomaz, and Cas Paprocki**. Working out in all that hot/cold weather has made them 'tough'. The ORDMM Foreman had three, **Glenn Hill, Tom Abraham and Stan Chmieliwicz**. Does that mean they stayed inside more?

The Union 1487 had a lively March meeting with 68 members. The present Board stepped down after their seven year tenure. Gone are **Karen Carney, Diana Gallogly, Bill Perry, Dave Dunham, Larry Parker, Delphine Perry and Al McGarrity**. The seven new officers are **Dave Roderick, Grace Spilotro-Razny, Susan Adams, Mary Alice Parker, Tom Kunzer, Rick Kulovits, and Jean Spejcher**. Dave graciously thanked Karen and her team for all their years of excellent service and making the club one that so many are happy to join. Presently they have 208 members. The club gave Karen a beautiful bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her leadership. She got a little verklempt over that, and the overwhelming applause for her accomplishments. Personally, I'll miss **Bill Perry's** jokes after he gives his treasurer's report. They all were a great team that worked so well together. Goodbye, farewell, and in with the new. Dave has displayed exceptional leadership qualities over the years. I know he and his group will do very well. Best wishes and health to you all!

The State of Illinois and County of Cook has lifted the mask and gathering mandates, so, hold onto your hats, it looks like The Skyliners will have our Summer Hawaiian luncheon. Yeayyy! We've all been waiting for this. Keep your fingers crossed, but it looks like a mid-June get-together. More info to follow. We'll have to wake up the hula dancers, grow pineapples, and get leis.

Got to talk to a few of our members, **Dwayne Churma and Don Lupei**, both from ORD Maintenance, and **John Wade**, CHI Dispatch. John calls and lets me know of the grammar or syntax errors in my last story. Also **Liz Roman**, ORDSW, one of the ladies that walked across the country every month in heels. They all said hi, and how much they enjoy our RUAEA Newsletter. If you know anybody that would like to join RUAEA and enjoy the Newsletter, have them checkout [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org), and join via computer, no stamps, no envelopes. RUAEA will be having their convention in San Diego again from October 3-9. Last year's was a huge success after years of not having one. Think about going!

We have some updates from United concerning travel and computers. We have a bag drop shortcut at all the hubs. This is to help customers and us traveling too. You check in on the United app and select the number of

bags. At the bag drop location, place your bag on the scale and scan your boarding pass at the kiosk. A purple indicator appears on your boarding pass, on your phone. The UA agent will check your ID, apply the bag tag and you can go to your gate.

Another change and improvement is on our sign-in page for Flying Together. Beginning March 1, a new portal will make it easier and secure for us and UAL. Our password will expire every 365 days instead of 90 days. Our new password should be between 15 and 45 characters, counting spaces. They suggest you use a phrase instead of lots of letters and numbers. I.E. I love my job at United. Or, my cats name is Fluffy. Why, you ask, yeah, me too. Longer passwords equal more security. A password with only eight characters can be hacked, or forgotten, in a minute, by us, too. Using a phrase with 15 characters would take years for someone to hack. OK, let's see if that works. I'll still have to remember my cats name. Let's check back next month, we'll have a quiz. Don't forget to write it down, somewhere.

Friends of ours that Flew West last month are **Louise Radle**, ORDSW, **Thad Rogers**, EXORA, **Jim Small**, ORDCG, **John Kozlik** and **Dave 'Perk' Perkins**, ORDDMM, two really good guys. **Tom Wiley**, who died last month, had a nice memorial in Lake Geneva. The old friends who joined his family were, **Nancy Peterson**, **John Gaddy**, **Jim Zeivel**, **Bill Kondrat**, **Eric Strandburg**, **Craig Bloemker**, **Gary Grimmonpre**, **Mike Johnson**, **Ken Sandine**, **Bruce Peleschak**, **Mark Verkuilen** and **Dave Grasenick**. It's still hard to believe Tom is gone. One of those people you thought would be here forever. Goes to show, when your warranty is up, it's time.

Also gone from our world are journalists, Jim Angle, Bob Beckel, author, PJ O'Rourke, director Ivan Reitman (Ghostbusters), actors, Sally Kellerman (MASH the movie), Johnny Brown (Good Times), Tim Considine (My Three Sons), singers, Joni James, Gary Booker (Procol Harem), and the American pilot, Gail Halvorsen, 'The Berlin Candy Bomber'.

I normally don't like to brag about going to fancy places and spending a lot of money, but I just spent \$55.00 on a tank of gas. I wasn't wearing chiffon or furs either.

As I sit in my room, I'm looking at my belongings, a pretty bowl, a lovely glass vase, nice clothes, I'm comfy, nice and warm, TV on, cat by my feet. On the TV is coverage of the Ukrainian crisis. I see many young women, carrying a child, another child walking next to her, each carrying a large suitcase; a few are holding a dog on a leash. They are leaving their homes, trying to flee from their oppressor. Their husbands are staying behind to fight for their country. But the ladies are taking their children and going somewhere, anywhere that they can get on a bus or train, Poland, Lithuania, Austria. If they

can get back someday, what will they come back to? Their homes have been bombed or burned. Their precious mementoes are gone; they have nothing, a few clothes and their children. Actually, they have everything, having them. Their lives are affected for generations. Everyone in the world is affected by this maniac. I know I'm not alone in feeling helpless to somehow help these unfortunate people. Could we have done something? Can we now, prayer always helps, sending help to organizations, what else? History is repeating itself after 80 years, and we're helpless. Kind of puts things in perspective, doesn't it? We are so lucky right now; we're not affected, except if these people are our relatives or friends. What happened? Are you worrying about a broken nail? A scratch on your car? You fell, scraped your knee? We can only hope and pray this never comes to our shores. Time to show love, peace, stop hatred, and be kind to each other. Maybe we can make a difference, help change the world. Just hoping we can all get through this. I'm writing this the first week of March. I have no idea if this will even be relative by the 25<sup>th</sup> when you receive this, or it could be worse. I can only hope this travesty is over and we're back to somewhat normal. **But**, we could be kinder to each other, that never goes out of style. Our world has changed, hasn't it?


#### Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**April 26**). Last Tuesday of the month.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00 A.M. Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**April 21**) Third Thursday  
IAM 1487 Luncheon, Seville, 700 S. Barrington Rd, Streamwood (**April 7**) 11:00 A.M. First Thursday.

### INDIANA

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As usual, we held our chapter February meeting. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, **Frank Ingegno**, **Charles Theiss** and daughter **Amy**, **Allen Miller** and **Rich Carey**. There was no new news to report. We plan to discuss the chapter's summer picnic at our next meeting.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for

new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. When visiting Indy, consider joining us at one of our meetings for lunch and conversation. We always enjoy meeting new United friends.


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

Our future meetings schedule:

- **April 12** at Emmy's
- **May 10** at Emmy's
- **June 14** at Emmy's
- **July 12** at Emmy's

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Greetings to All!

Due to the Covid pandemic, we have not had any meetings and there have not been news from members.

#### Calendar:

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

### MICHIGAN

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We were greatly saddened by the death of our dear friend, **Joanna O'Brien**. Joni, as her friends knew her, worked at DTWRR and DTWCS before retiring to Arizona with her husband, **Joe**. What a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend! Peace and rest! Cards may be sent to her son, Dr. Corey O'Brien, 1144 Bonanza Drive, Okemos, MI 48864. Her

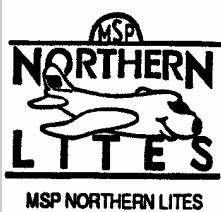
sister-in-law, **Marguerite**, is a DTWRR retiree. Cards may be sent to **Tom & Marguerite Venn**, 14118 Rockland, Redford, MI 48239-2967.

We also received word that **Murphy Jean Miller** passed away in January. Known by **Jean Miller**, she hired in at DTWRR in January 1966. She was a sister-in-law of **Alma Seaborn**. We have no other information.

Thought for the month: *Thinking about losing friends, though it makes us feel incredibly sad, is actually very healthy if it reminds us how special our friends are and that they cannot be replaced.* This is from a book that **Marie Cook** gave me years ago "Friends To The End, The True Value of Friendship". Miss you too, Marie.

Welcome Spring!

### MINNESOTA

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The good news is, spring is coming and the denizens of MN are starting to stir again! The mask mandates have come down some, more in some places than others; Covid is beginning to look like it may have finally run its course, pray God.

The February count at lunch at Lucky's 13 was **twelve!** How about **that!** I knew we could do it! **Pat Juberien** even persuaded some more folks who attended to join the group email list. In addition, even **Jerry Strickland** showed his smiling face that day.

I got a call from **Al Kilian** a few days ago. He's happy to report that the hospice program that helped **Mary** so much is once again available to them. He had been really scrambling to find help without it, so now part of his load has been lifted off his shoulders. Maybe soon, we'll be able to visit with him at lunch again.

On a sad note, I must report the passing of **Bill Hombach**, longtime Air Freight agent at MSP. He had been ill for several years so we hadn't seen him at lunch and of course, Covid kept us **all** apart for quite some time. Notes of condolence or memorials may be sent to his family at 7733 Hampshire Lane, No., Brooklyn Park, MN 55445. Also, from the Company news passed along by **Dale Harper**: **Steve Szewczyk**, former general manager at MSP in the late 80's, passed away in December at his home in McKinney, TX. After having worked in BUF, CHI, and MSP, he retired from MCI (Kansas City) as general manager after 45 years with the company. He was a real character.



I also heard from **Norma Holen**, widow of the good ol' Swede, **Andy**. She's doing well and loving her decision to move to be near her son and family in Arkansas. Andy & Norma's time with us was special and they're missed by all who knew them.

That's all I know. Talk to you next month!

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11am, at Lucky's 13 Pub, 1352 Sibley Memorial Hwy, Mendota Heights, MN 55150. Phone ~ (651) 452-1311, Website: <https://www.luckys13pub.com/>

### NEBRASKA



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

### NEVADA



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We are still set up for March 17<sup>th</sup> (St Patrick's Day) at the Durango Hills Golf Club here in Las Vegas. So, a big "Thank You" again to Arlene for her efforts to get the Silverliners together.

Not too much else to talk about. No Member has come forward to fill the 3 vacancies in our Board. We have not had a President for over 3 years and the Treasurer and Secretary have stepped down, but still helping out till a replacement is found. Also, no Members have submitted any items of interest to be published in the newsletter about travels or anything of interest. After the 17<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, there may be more to report. The Silverliners are still holding together and hope to continue in 2022, hopefully with new Board members as President, Treasurer and Secretary. We will see what the months ahead bring.

The Silverliners will try to hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. Now with COVID and declining membership we are on

hold for when we will meet next; that will be addressed at a future date. Email **Don Rutkowski** at [geodon1192@gmail.com](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



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There were 10 members in attendance at our February Luncheon at the Black Bear Diner. In addition, we are happy to announce a new member – **Teresa Rhine**. Teresa worked at San Francisco, starting in Customer Service and ending in MOC Stores, HazMat section. She lives in Sparks. We are happy to welcome her!

We received a thank you letter from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada for our donation of \$50 at Christmas. The pandemic has increased the need for donations.

Reservations for this year – 2022 – have been secured at the Black Bear Diner for the second Monday of each month. Future dates are: March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, and November 14. Our December date is not yet finalized.

Parking for retirees is again available at the MOC. Again, you need to obtain a permit from Security and are limited to 14 days. That may be extended by contacting the Security Supervisor at (650) 874-5718. The permit is obtained at the main security office during daytime hours. Parking is limited to retirees that worked at the MOC.

February birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Reid** and **Bill Perkins**. The 50/50 winner was new member **Teresa Rhine**. Continuing her winning streak, new member Teresa also won the pound box of See's candies. Our March birthday boy is **Norm Borchers**.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, March 14 at Black Bear Diner at 11:00 am. John and I will not be attending. **Kathy Robinson** also will not be attending the meeting. We have the room reserved for the day/time so please show up and socialize. We three will be at the April meeting.



## NEW JERSEY



### THE GARDEN STATERS

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The Garden Staters did not meet in January or February, we'll be back next month. Here is another stroll down memory lane:

There are two events that come to mind ~ One is in November 1963 and the other is September 1964; both of these have lasting memories for both Violet and me. On November 23, 1963 President Kennedy was assassinated, and like all events of major importance people tend to remember where they were and what they were doing. I was no different, as a mechanic for United Airlines; I was working out of the old North terminal at Newark Airport, and just finished dispatching a DC-6 on to its next destination. When I returned to the mechanics ready room, I saw a lot of people listening to the radio waiting for more dispatches coming from Dallas, Texas on the condition of President Kennedy. It was there that I found out that the President had been shot and killed. My mechanic friends who can be pretty tough guys were now in tears, handkerchiefs were coming out and it was a general outpouring of sorrow and sympathy. I remember opening the door to the long hallway where passengers came down to the gates for departure. There I saw people crying and gathering in small groups all in the state of shock. The trauma, that the country was in, was now engaged in the preparation for his burial. I myself was no different than many other people who thought that this was a senseless act by some demented person. Yes, I did have feelings of sadness but as in all things, it did pass.

Why this is important at least in my memory, is that Vice President Lyndon Johnson was sworn in as a new president with a wave of goodwill that came over the country in the hopes that he would succeed. That leads me to the next part of my memories, and that is the Democratic convention in Atlantic City in September 1964. Violet and I were given passes by one of our elected officials to attend the convention as observers for the first day of its opening. We went to Atlantic City, and no, there were no casinos at the time. However, we did have a nice time on the boardwalk and about 7PM, the doors of the convention center opened. Now I have seen some large places but this auditorium could sit about 6000 people. Our passes took us, on the floor right behind the

Pennsylvania delegation. We had some small talk with these people and then the chairman came into view and said that the convention is now open; there was so much noise in that place you could hardly hear a word spoken. Then the chairman introduced the keynote speaker, US Sen. from Rhode Island Senator Pastore. He took to the rostrum and started to speak. However when he started to talk, slowly the noise in this great assembly died down, and you could hear that he was delivering a eulogy to the late President Kennedy. This vast auditorium now subsided almost to an eerie silence. The senator continued for about 20 minutes and then stopped. The nearly 5000 people in this auditorium were electrified by his oratory and you could hear a pin drop because it became so quiet. Suddenly somewhere someone started to clap, then more people joined in, that crescendo grew even louder and no matter how hard the chairman tried to quiet the audience they would not stop. Finally, people were not only clapping but they were standing on their chairs and making all kinds of noises just to be heard. As for me, I've always considered myself pretty cool about things of this nature, and yet I was roused enough to jump on the chair and start clapping and whistling like everybody else. I have been around politics for many years and have seen many things, and met many big dignitaries, but never in my life have I ever witnessed anything so inspiring as that speech and the audience reaction that followed.

That convention nominated Lyndon Johnson for President and Hubert Humphrey for Vice President. The Republicans in turn nominated Barry Goldwater for President and William Miller for Vice President. That general election in November 1964 carried Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey to an overwhelming victory, unprecedented in American politics. The Democratic ticket won by over 16 million popular votes and I doubt I would live to see another election like this today. While the flow of history goes on every day on a daily basis, being part of it and remembering what it was really like makes a difference between fiction and fact. Yes Violet and I talked about our shared experience in Atlantic City for many years.

## NEW YORK



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

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

## OHIO



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The New York Metro's meeting was held on March 2 with 20 members in attendance. The weather was perfect today, and we can't explain why more did not come to the luncheon. President **Ed Pozzi** led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

It is getting very difficult to attract new members, (Covid-19?). We shared lots of lively talk concerning Russia/ Ukraine, cost of drugs, status of economy, members we haven't seen in ages. The members also discussed their health status, what needs to be done to treat some illness, etc.

We remembered in prayer, the passing of **Una De-George**. We celebrated birthdays of this month: **Joyce O'Donnell, Jose Falcone, Diane Pozzi, John Green, Caroline Manelski, Pat Hannon, Patricia Harbin, Lenny Pascale, Kathy Statuto, Dee Talachino, Susan Fleming, Lester Darmstead, and Tony Statuto**. There was only one anniversary this month, **Kathy & Tony Statuto**.

Some of our members are still apprehensive about the uncertainty of the future due to the virus, and the cost to rent the picnic ground from the County; we decided not to have a picnic this year. We will discuss other ways of meeting in the summer months.

Our Chapter Secretary Caroline Manelski was excused for this meeting, so this report is a collaboration of President **Ed Pozzi** and **John Klos**.

### Calendar:

**April 6** – Meeting/Luncheon at Davenport Press, 12 Noon.



We are the Ohio Buckeyes and we are back to being an active chapter again. Welcome to the month of April and Easter on April 17<sup>th</sup>. We have been very busy trying to get as many of our luncheon meetings set up as possible. We did get March 9<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and August 3<sup>rd</sup>, that is our annual picnic at the Chalet in Strongsville. The Newsletter was written, printed, and mailed out to our chapter members. We would like to thank all our members who help with the hosting of the luncheons, and the callers who make calls to those without email. It is a tremendous help and is greatly appreciated by all of our chapter members.

Prices are still skyrocketing and our current inflation rose to 6%, the highest in the last 40 years. We called to have our newsletter printed and were shocked for what they told us it would cost per page. Last year we paid 6 cents a page black & white 20 weight paper. Well guess what, now we were quoted 27 cents a page. We said sorry we will print the newsletter ourselves. And we did just that. Can you believe the cost of groceries, gasoline, everything? Per the news, certain items jumped way up; yet other food items rose very little. Of course, those items are not that much in demand. We still have a lot of bare shelves around the Cleveland area. They said on the news that people are still hoarding a lot of the items and that is the reason the shelves are empty or near empty. This may be true and the reason could be stocking up on non-perishable items before the prices jump up further and another reason is the shortage of truck drivers to deliver the food. No matter what the reason is, I sure would like to see things getting back to normal. I think it is going to be a long wait.

The cost of our luncheons has gone up in price and it's hard to tell the members the new prices. We seem to be getting better at haggling to get the prices down a little. But we do treasure the restaurant for they are more than willing to work with us to keep the cost down. So many things have changed in the past couple of years. It's hard to keep up. In a blink of an eye everything can change. There is not much that we can do to change the current situation that we are in. But we are still Americans, and we must unite to get through this mess, and most of all be understanding. Forgive often and love with all your heart. You may not have that chance again,

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



on. We did have one member call us and inform us that he had fallen off a ladder and broke his leg - again. We wish him a speedy recovery. We know many of our members have been struggling with health issues, but for whatever reason they keep it to themselves. Please keep all of our chapter members in our thought and prayers. I think it is safe to say that we all have a problem or illness that we are dealing with. No matter how small, we would like for it to go away.

All of us in Cleveland are praying for “Spring” weather. We had more than enough snow this winter. Today was a very good day with a lot of sun and a high of 72 degrees. We do wish all United Retirees a Blessed Easter, Good Health, and Happiness.

#### Calendar:

We meet on the First Wednesday of each month.

**August 3** – Annual Picnic at The Chalet in Strongsville

### OREGON



Our group still has not yet been able to meet in person, since our meeting place has yet to re-open, no telling when that might be. We continue in a holding pattern.

A bit of sad news ~ **Glen Swanson** passed on Sunday 2/20/22 after a massive stroke. He retired from PDXCS and was the trainer for Passenger Service. He would have been 91 in May. His memorial service was held 3/3 at Willamette National Cemetery. If you wish to send a card to his children following are their addresses:

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

- ☺ I can keep my mouth shut, but you can still read the subtitles on my face.
- ☺ At a couples counseling meeting the speaker mentioned that couples are so disconnected that 85% of husbands don't even know their wives favorite flower. Mick turned to his wife and whispered, "It's self-rising, isn't it?"
- ☺ Coffee is vital for survival. Dinosaurs didn't have coffee, and look how that turned out.
- ☺ My housekeeping style is best described as

"There appears to have been a struggle."

- ☺ There are people out there training for marathons ... and here I am, on the couch, trying to lasso the remote control with my phone charger.
- ☺ Always make sure someone in the relationship has good credit. That's why it's called Significant Other. Sign/if/I/can't. Follow me for more marriage tips!
- ☺ My desire to be well-informed is currently at odds with my desire to remain sane.
- ☺ FYI: Your phone won't auto correct when you're in caps lock because it assumes you're angry and doesn't want to get involved!
- ☺ Don't cry over the past, it's gone. Don't stress about the future, it hasn't arrived. Live in the present and make it beautiful!
- ☺ Apparently, there are people out there who wash, dry, iron, fold, and put away their clothes – all in one day. Yeah, I know, I'm confused too!
- ☺ I like to make lists. I also like to leave them on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list while I'm at the store.
- ☺ When someone says, "stop living in the past" I say, "but the music was so much better back then".
- ☺ When I did one of those wine and paint nights, the instructor was like wow look at you, you are really good at wine!
- ☺ I don't usually brag about going to expensive places, but I just left the gas station.
- ☺ I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the Vitamin C and natural sugars, but I really think it's the Vodka.
- ☺ I suffer from ADCD: Attention Deficit Cleaning Disorder. It's where you start to clean one thing but get distracted by the other things that need to be cleaned, which causes you to bounce around to different jobs only to end up doing a lot of work with nothing to show for it!
- ☺ We all know that mirrors don't lie. I'm just grateful that they don't laugh.
- ☺ I love snow ... when it comes in a paper cone and is covered in syrup.
- ☺ We all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. So, I'm not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me!
- ☺ You are dust, and you will return to dust ... that's why I don't dust, it could be someone I know.
- ☺ Back in my day, there was so much toilet paper that people used to literally string it up in the trees of their enemies.
- ☺ I'm working on a new project, pants for old

guys. They'll combine the comfort of Dockers, with the protection of Depends . I'll call them Dry Dockers.

- ☺ I find that it helps to organize chores into categories: Things I won't do now; Things I won't do later; Things I'll never do.
- ☺ Yesterday: fixed hair and makeup, saw no one. Today: looked like Jack Nicholson from the Shining. Saw all the people I know. All of them.
- ☺ Whatever you do today, do it with the confidence of a 4-year-old in a Batman T-shirt.
- ☺ I came. I saw. I forgot what I was doing, retraced my steps, got distracted on my way back, have no idea what's going on and now I have to pee.
- ☺ Today, I saw a bumper sticker that said, "I'm a veterinarian, therefore I can drive like an animal." Suddenly I realized how many proctologists there are on the road.
- ☺ You know when you buy a bag of salad, and it gets all brown and soggy? Cookies don't do that. Just saying.
- ☺ Today, I texted all my friends telling them that I lost my phone and asked them to call it for me. They all called. I need smarter friends.
- ☺ Not everyone realizes this, but if you clean the pile of receipts out of a purse and stack them together, it makes a teen tiny book about why you're broke.
- ☺ Hmmm, I found a strange piece of plastic on the floor that looks like it broke off of something, but I have no idea what. Better save it in the junk drawer until I die.
- ☺ I tried the Japanese method of decluttering where you hold every object that you own and if it does not bring you joy, you throw it away. So far I have thrown out all of the vegetables, my bras, the electric bill, the scale, a mirror, and my treadmill.
- ☺ Always keep a bottle of wine on hand for special occasions, you know, like Wednesday.
- ☺ Believe in yourself. If cauliflower can become pizza, you can do anything!
- ☺ I'm at the delusional age where I think everyone my age looks way older than I do.
- ☺ It's sad that nothing is made in America anymore, I just bought a new TV and it said "Built in antenna." I don't even know where that is!
- ☺ Somebody asked me what to do with left over bacon. I was clueless how to answer. I have never known such a thing.
- ☺ My ability to remember song lyrics from the 80's far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.
- ☺ I hate it when people ask me what I did yester-


day. I don't know. I breathed a lot. Probably got mad at something. Rolled my eyes a lot. Sighed heavily. The list goes on.

- ☺ Snoring is basically bragging about being asleep, so loudly, that it stops other people from sleeping. It's like lying there screaming, "I'm having a lovely sleep!"
- ☺ Think about it – every single corpse on Mt Everest was once a highly motivated person. Stay lazy my friends!
- ☺ By the time a woman realizes her mother was right, she has a daughter who always thinks she's wrong.
- ☺ There should be confetti in tires so when there is a blow-out it's still kind of an okay day.
- ☺ I don't really rise and shine, I caffeinate and hope for the best.
- ☺ Pairing wine is easy: Me + a glass of wine = a pair!
- ☺ Some of my friends exercise every day. Meanwhile I'm watching a show I don't like because the remote fell on the floor just out of my reach.
- ☺ If you get locked out, talk to the lock calmly ... communication is the key.
- ☺ Safety tips for driving in the snow: install winter tires, drive south, continue until you see palm trees, apply brakes and sunscreen.

#### Calendar:

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

### PENNSYLVANIA


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Finally a new Spring has arrived. We had very little snow, but up and down temperatures.

Our first luncheon for the year will be held April 11, at 12:30 pm at Lehman's Tavern, 400 Wanamaker Ave., Essington, PA. More information will be sent to you about number attending and Menu.

We got information that two members have passed away, **Jerry Gill** and **Francine Hassiepen**, the wife of employee **John Hassiepen**.

See you soon!



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Kay Frye, wife of retired UA employee **Bob Frye**, suffered a series of small strokes and has returned home for therapy following stays at the hospital and rehab facility. Her present status is fair. On a positive side, Bob & Kay celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I recently received notification from a relative that **Henry (Hank) Cianciosi** passed away February 3, 2022.

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

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

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It looks like Covid restrictions may be finally lifting which will allow us to begin planning for future meetings. At this time, we are working towards an outdoor picnic on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the lakeside home of **Kathy Skarbo** in Burien. We will have more details in an upcoming edition of "Contrails" which **John Haferbecker** is writing. Let's all cross our fingers that the worst is truly behind us!



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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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I did not attend the February luncheon because I, once again, contracted COVID. It was probably a new variation but this is at least the 2<sup>nd</sup> time I have been hit with it (and maybe the third). Even though the pandemic is on its way out, we cannot afford to let our guards down. (I am both vaxxed and boosted.) This virus is so hard on those of us who are huggers.

I would like to thank both **Judy Dunlap**, our treasurer and **Kerrie Schneider**, our always-go-to-gal, for stepping up to the plate and running the meeting and

keeping everyone entertained. There were 36 people in attendance. The weather is getting better and our members are returning to the fold.

The manager of the Golden Corral came to speak to our members to tell them that they do appreciate our business. He also introduced everyone to the new GC App. This will be a way to show their appreciation with "cash back" rewards. It can be accessed via the mobile phone or computer.

Kerrie read a letter that she received from **Lucy Chatelain** who was our chapter's RUAEA Newsletter Correspondent for years before she turned it over to me. After many bone replacements (knees, ankle, hips) and night vision being impaired, our friend is no longer able to attend our gatherings. She misses her United family and would love to hear from her friends from time to time.

The winners of the door prizes were **Dick Libby, Sharon Wright, Goethals Iyer, Sandy Bateman, Ina Ayers, Faye O'Meara** and **Nasteen Mustaqin**. **Janet Brandon** was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Janet was a visitor but had so much fun that she used \$15 of her winnings to become a member.

Our chapter meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 11:30am at the Golden Corral. The address there is 10801 Bulloch Drive, in Manassas, VA. Our next luncheon will be April 13<sup>th</sup>. All United Airlines retirees, their spouses and friends are welcome to attend. Some of us even bring our grandchildren as mascots.

We enjoy our time together reminiscing about old times and since most of our members are still very active in their communities and busy with hobbies, sports and crafts, there is always a number of very interesting conversations going on. We are not just a social group, however, we take charity work and special causes very seriously. Each year, in November, we have a couple or a few United States Marines join us for lunch and we send them away with a healthy check and many toys for Toys for Tots. We have other causes we acknowledge (including United We Care) and many of our members are also members of Clipped Wings, who strongly support the Special Olympics, among others.

The sad news from here is that we lost another of our beloved members last year. **Penny Marrone Waite** (DCASW) passed away from complications from ALS. Her husband, Mike, can be contacted at [waitems@aol.com](mailto:waitems@aol.com). He, her family and friends miss her dearly.

That is all of the news from Washington, D.C.'s Dulles Loungers for now.



## NATIONAL



### **CLIPPED WINGS**

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Dear RUAEA,

April is a busy month with lots of things to celebrate. We know the old saying "April showers bring May flowers". That can't be more right this year. It seems like old man winter doesn't want to leave us this year. It sure has been a cold and snowy winter for much of the USA.

April 1 is April Fool's Day, and I am sure many jokes will be played! The 10<sup>th</sup> of April is Palm Sunday with Easter following on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Passover begins at Sunset on the 15<sup>th</sup>, it ends at midnight on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We are so excited as our membership in Clipped Wings has grown to 1,127. That is really great!

Our Convention is August 31 - September 3. Portland is really going over the top planning this big one. All Clipped Wing members should really try to attend. Portland has been planning this for 4 years.

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

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## NEW MEMBERS

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

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~Welcome~

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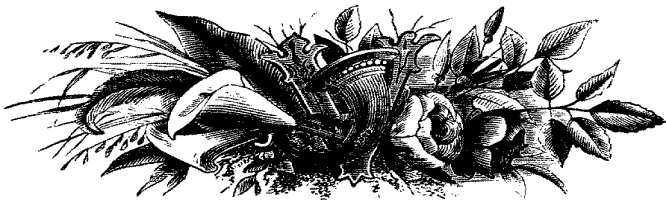
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Spouse – **Carey, Marguerite E.**, on 10/22/2021, wife of Allan J. Carey, WHQHR (deceased), 185 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St., Merced, CA 95340

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- Retiree – **Cianciosi, Henry J.**, on 2/3/2022, PITCS, surviving next of kin, Janice Markowitz, 3724 Dawson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
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- Retiree – **Ewald, Robert G.**, on 12/13/2021, SFOPD, husband of Eleanor Ewald, 4240 Town Center Blvd., Apt. 218, El Dorado Hills, CA 95765
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- Retiree – **Kozlik, John A.**, on 2/24/2022, ORDMM, husband of Joyce M. Kozlik, 1820 Locust, Des Plaines, IL 60018
- Retiree – **Monson, Monte J.**, on 12/23/2021, SFOOV, husband of Mary Ann Monson, 121 New Towne St., Bakersfield, CA 93312
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- Retiree – **Small, James W.**, on 2/22/2022, DTWCG, husband of Sheila Ann Small (deceased), 40802 Newport Drive, Plymouth, MI 48170
- Spouse – **Stevens, Susan**, on 11/28/2018, wife of James L. Stevens, SFOBL, 700 E. Laird St., Bolivar, MO 65613
- Retiree – **Rogers, Thad J.**, on 2/5/2022, WHQRA, husband of Kat L. Rogers (deceased), 12889 Timber Creek Dr., Huntley, IL 60142
- Retiree – **Talge, Malcolm**, on 11/21/2020, LAXRR, uncle of Gordon Talge, 8630 Rio Dell St., Rosemead, CA 91770
- Retiree – **Walton, Norman**, on 1/21/2022, SFOPK, husband of Bridget Walton, 36235 Indian Wells Dr., Newark, CA 94560
- Retiree – **White, Elmer C.**, on 1/7/2022, LAXMM, husband of Billie L. White, 625 Joette Drive, Gardnerville, NV 89460■



## Letters & Notes



**Martha Gooselaw**

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

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

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

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

### **Chris Czapslewski, 280 Cottonwood Dr., Mesquite, NV 89027**

Thanks for the membership renewal reminder; it was easier on my birthday. I just reached 25 years of retirement from DENTQ and am thankful that I can still see to read the wonderful RUAEA newsletters! There are so many wonderful writers out there. I hope **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** are getting a much needed rest, as **John Chu** continues to do his fine job.

Keep up the good work; we appreciate all that is done.

### **Carl Hanson, 6291 Bahia Del Mar Cir., Apt. 404, Saint Petersburg, FL 33715**

Thank you for reminding me of my dues. As you get older, you tend to forget things more easily. I look for-

ward to the newsletter each month, although I don't know many of the names anymore.

It was sad to hear the news about UAL's former CEO, **Dick Ferris**, who led the company through most of the 1980's.

I started my career in March 1961 at EWRFF and retired on November 1, 1997, 37+ years later. I met so many nice people along the way.

Thank you for all the work that the staff does to keep the newsletter going.

**Margaret Sarsfield, 1442 Tannery Circle, Midlothian, VA 23113**

Thanks for the reminder.

You do a great job with the newsletter. I enjoy reading about the members' stories.

The only people I know now are the **Vaskos** from Las Vegas, since my husband passed in 2020.

### *Notes*

#### **Linda A. Rice**

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to work for UA, a company that valued all employees. Retirement is nice but do so miss the comradeship of my co-workers.

#### **Harold F. Klobe**

United and RUAEA are like my extended family.

It's nice to have a yearly convention to renew old friendships and make so many new ones.

#### **Albert L. Brose**

Welcome all! And a big "Thank You" to all of the people who volunteer to make the RUAEA organization and the Newsletter a success for all of the retirees. I still volunteer at our church's Care Center 2 days a week and am still working 2 days at the golf course.

I missed traveling last year but have booked a cruise in September for 16 days to Alaska and Honolulu. Life is good and God has blessed me and my Bride with good health.

#### **Deborah Schulte**

I currently serve as the President of Re-United's chapter in PHX. I retired with 42 years; I worked in ORD and LAX as well as 25 years in PHX. I look forward to being member of RUAEA as well.

#### **Sharon Castner**

Thanks for keeping us all informed about United events that affect us. It is appreciated.■



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- ♦ Search "Employee Travel Inquiry"
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