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HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME AT THE REUNION!

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Letter from the Vice President - Conventions



Hi Folks,

I was pleasantly surprised and elated by the turnout, and kind words about our Reunion 2023 in San Diego. For that, I thank all those who were able to attend.

RUAEA has 2 successful ways to bring our members together and keep them informed: Our Newsletter and the Annual Get-Together, billed as our Reunion or Convention. During this annual event, it is the very important Benefits Panel Meeting where United Airlines commits to send representatives to keep us informed of any changes to our benefits. This year, one of the most beneficial topics was Cyber Security, something that affects all of us. We also heard from Travel and as always, the

Alliant Credit Union. The Alliant Credit Union also gives us a substantial subsidy toward our event. Our Benefit Panel is the only one UAL supports.

This year we had substantial attendance from RUPA, ARECA, RAFA, and Clipped Wings. My goal is to bring us together yearly as strength in numbers really counts. RUPA has assigned a Liaison, **Don Wolfe**, to RUAEA. I also have worked closely with **Gary Peterson** from ARECA. Their respective participation at the annual event is a most welcome addition.

With that said, we have started planning for our 2024 Reunion; we have a signed contract with the Dana on Mission Bay in San Diego. This venue has proved to be outstanding: the location, the facility and pricing have been unmatched. The room rate for 2024 will remain the same, \$135.00 per night with free breakfast and waived resort fee.

The Food and Beverage will increase, as you all know what inflation is doing to us all. The Friendship Night and Banquet are still in the planning stages, along with the tours and events. The American Fly Boys band at the Banquet were well received for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure.

The plan at this point is not to repeat any of the tours. I am open to suggestions regarding tours and the events for our 2024 Reunion. Please contact me, any RUAEA Board member or your Regional Director if you have a request or suggestion.

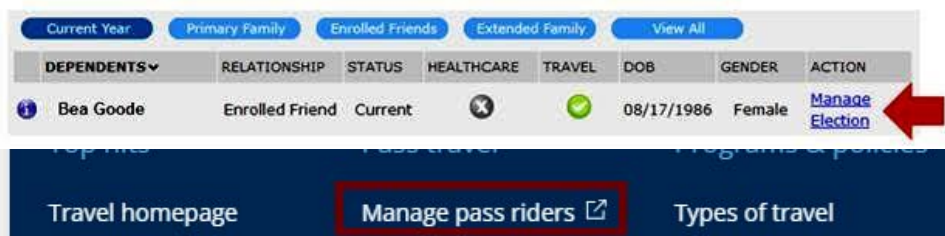
The hotel registration number will be open soon for our event. Again, I remind everyone to register for the hotel early. That allows me to watch the registration numbers and increase the room nights as needed. Room nights are a very important part of our contract and it will have a final cut-off date to register. The Dana has a 48-hour cancellation regulation. Many of you used the online and credit card option to register for the Reunion and that will be available again.

Please plan your vacation for 2024 in San Diego at the Dana on Mission Bay, with your family, friends, and fellow employees you worked with during your career. Much more information will be coming to you in our Newsletter as our plans come together.

Thank you so much!

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA VP Conventions

Make your enrolled friend changes before the deadline



If you need to make changes to your enrolled friends for the January through June 2024 travel period, you need to do so by December 28 (until 11:59 p.m. CT). Once the enrollment period closes, exception or change request

will not be accepted.

To get started, click on the Travel tab at the top of Flying Together and select the Manage pass riders link under the Pass Travel heading. This will reroute you to the Dependent Management System where you'll make your changes.

From the Dependent Management System's homepage, select "Manage Election" in the Action column next to any of your enrolled friends.

Want to learn more? Go to this link: <https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retiree/pass-travel-enrollment-for-retirees> and check out all the helpful resources including a video on how it all works towards the bottom of the page.

As a friendly reminder, our Travel team agents are no longer available by phone. Please do not call the I.T. Help Desk or the ESC with Travel questions. If you have a question, you can contact a Travel team member through Help Hub at <https://helphub.ual.com> or use our chat feature to speak to a team member if you need immediate assistance from any Travel Page on Flying Together. The Employee Travel team processes Help Hub cases 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT and available by chat Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT and on the weekends from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. CT.

RUAEA Business Meeting
Tuesday, October 3, 2023 – 0830
The Dana on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA

The meeting was called to order at 0831 by **Ruth Morabito**, Executive V.P. Ruth is currently filling in for our President, **Don Burbank**, who is having some health issues. She thanked everyone for coming and introduced her panel of RUAEA officers. Ruth also acknowledged representatives from RUPA, ARECA, RAFA and Clipped Wings.

If you would like to send well wishes to **Don Burbank**, he is listed on the CaringBridge website or cards would be appreciated. Please refrain from telephone calls.

Motion: **Hank Gosselin** made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2023, Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by **Diane Webb** and all agreed.

Chris Johnston, Treasurer Report – The Treasurer's computer crashed but fortunately, it is operational once again. The data will need to be rebuilt and we have 15 months to do so, the plan is to complete the project by year end. A full treasurer's report will be published in the Newsletter at a future date.

Virgil Gooselaw, Past President – Currently, the two people in the Denver office are Virgil and **Michael Malesardi**, Membership Manager. They are in the office one day a week and fielding a variety of questions from members and some nonmembers. When communicating with this office, please include your full name, phone number, file number and state clearly the purpose of the call and be patient. The membership currently is 2,792. Virgil thanked everyone for attending.

Ruth Morabito, Exec. VP

- RPC, Retired Presidents Council, is a group representing RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA, RAFA and Clipped Wings. **Don Wolfe**, RUPA will be taking the lead role during **Don Burbank's** absence. They have combined meetings approximately four times a year.
- Ruth introduced our Regional Directors. Currently all six positions are filled and all in attendance. They will be reaching out to chapter presidents to verify chapter information and making themselves available for any questions.
- The Bylaws were recently reviewed and updated by the board of Directors. The changes were published in the August 2023 Newsletter and are required to be read before membership. The new Bylaws were read and voted on by members in attendance.

Motion: **Ron Bertacini** made a motion to approve the Bylaws as read and second by **Jerry Marsala**. The motion was approved by the majority and will go into effect immediately.

Hank Gosselin, VP Conventions

- The Reunion has been a success with 231 registered including 44 RUPA members. Twenty states were represented.
- We want to thank everyone who contributed this year. Especially **Betty Tomaino** ~ Reunion Chair, **Ruth Morabito** ~ Registration Chair, **Rosalie Tripicchio** ~ Decorations, **John Cunningham** ~ Entertainment and **Ron Bertacini** for assistance with the directory. We also appreciate **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** who filled in for **John Chu**, Newsletter Manager, documenting the event with many photos. Last but certainly not least, **Shirley Claggett** ~ Reunion Treasurer and **Ron Paluch** ~

Registrar, have done such a great job for the last eight years.

- We also want to thank the Alliant Credit Union for subsidizing the Friendship Oktoberfest night. They have been contributing to this event for many years and were even more generous this time. We also want to acknowledge RUPA and ARECA for donating funds for this event.
- 2024 – We plan to return to the Dana Mission Bay again next year since the rates are incredible and the service outstanding. The new contract will allow for the same rates including the \$135 room rate. These same rooms are normally \$265. The dates will be Friday September 27 through Wednesday October 2. If you would like to make any suggestions regarding event themes and tours please contact Hank.

Motion: A motion was made by **Sheryl Schubert** to adjourn the meeting and seconded by **Diane Webb**. All agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 0932.

Respectively submitted by **Mary Jane Stewart**, Secretary, 10/14/2023

Approved by **Ruth Morabito**, Executive V.P., 10/14/2023.

RUAEA Reunion Benefits Panel
October 3, 2023
The Dana on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA

United Airlines - The session was opened by Joan Smith, Manager Benefits and RUAEA Liaison. Joan welcomed our group and was pleased to see so many retiree organizations represented this year.

John Gianopulos, Senior Analyst Security Training and Awareness - We were fortunate to have John present valuable information regarding Cyber Security. This information had been shared previously only with active employees.

Doug Edmunds, Manager Employee Travel - A reminder that employee passes are to be considered a privilege and all travel guidelines must be followed. In addition, 160 ZED fare are available on other airlines

Alliant Credit Union - Alliant was represented by; Malcolm Horn, Financial Consultant, Robert Perrelli, VP Partnership Development and Janet Meinheit, Key Account Manager. Robert thanked the group for having the opportunity to present up to date information and to remind Credit Union members to invite family members to also join. Saving interest has increased.

Our thanks to everyone who presented valuable information and addressed all questions and concerns.

Presidents/Correspondents Meeting
October 2, 2023, 0700 – Mission Bay Ballroom
The Dana on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA

Present: **Carl Alford, Ron Bertacini, Rick Dempsey, Shirley Dempsey, Veronica Domaratius, Francis Domaratius, Martha Gooselaw, George Midwin, Ruth Morabito, Sheryl Schubert, Jim Simon, Mary Jane Stewart, Pat Zoboli, and John Zoboli.**

The meeting was called to order at 0705 by **Ruth Morabito**, Executive V.P., filling in for **Don Burbank**. Ruth welcomed the group and emphasized that we are here to help the chapter presidents in any way possible and to support our correspondents. The Regional Directors are attempting to update chapter contact information. Unfortunately, some of their calls have not been returned so any information provided would be appreciated

John Chu, Newsletter Manager, was unable to attend due to a family medical situation. John sent the following message to the attendees.

“It takes more than one person to produce the monthly Newsletter so I would like to thank all of the correspondents and members who contribute. As you all know, the Newsletter is the center of our RUAEA community. The membership enjoys reading your articles and the Newsletter would not happen without your support.

*We try to produce a quality Newsletter and I am grateful for the time that **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** and **Martha Gooselaw** spend each month to proofread and ensure that the materials are accurate. They have been doing this for many years and I am thankful for their help and guidance. Hope to see you all next year. John”*

Veronica & Francis Domaratius will be assisting in John’s absence by documenting the event with photographs.

One is the limited line stations and therefore fewer prospective for new members. Ruth presented the new

Welcome Post Card for new members.

The RUPA Magazine is very colorful and has pictures from almost every event.

Suggestions:

- ❖ Encourage pictures in articles.
- ❖ Correspondents could interview members to provide stories.
- ❖ An article on how To Handle Change

The meeting was adjourned at 0802.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Stewart, Secretary 10/30/2023

Approved by **Ruth Morabito**, Executive V.P. 10/30/2023

By Malcolm Horn, CFP®
3 Estate Challenges for Blended Families
Alliant Credit Union



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Preparing your estate can be complicated, and if you're a part of a blended family, estate decisions can be even more complex and nuanced. Blended

families take on many forms but typically consist of couples with children from previous relationships. Here are a few case studies to help illustrate some of the challenges.

Case Study #1: Children From Previous Marriages

Simple wills often are structured to leave all assets to the surviving spouse. If your estate strategy relies on this type of will, you could risk overlooking children from previous marriages. Also, while it's unsettling to consider, the surviving spouse can end up changing a will without proper measures put in place.¹ When new children join a blended family, estate strategies can get even more complicated. But with a well-structured approach, you can direct how to distribute your assets.

Case Study #2: When One Partner Has Significantly More Assets

While the divorce rate has been trending lower, the number of remarriages (2nd or more marriages) has increased. One person entering into a new marriage may have more assets than their spouse, given that 40% of all new marriages are remarriages for one or both spouses. An estate strategy can help ensure that your assets pass down according to your wishes.²

Case Study #3: Traditional Trusts May Not Be Enough

In blended families, a traditional trust is a good start, but it may not go far enough. One possible solution is to create three trusts (one for each spouse, in addition to a joint trust) to help address different scenarios.³ Using a trust involves a complex set of tax rules and regulations. Before moving forward with a trust, consider working with a professional familiar with the rules and regulations.

Starting the Process

Blended families are pretty common. If you're in that position, it's important to remember that you can create an estate strategy to address your specific situation. The first step may be an estate document review. Contact the ARIS team to set up time to talk, or reach out to me directly, mhorn@alliantcreditunion.com.

1. Investopedia.com, April 30, 2023

2. Forbes.com, August 8, 2023

3. Investopedia.com, March 31, 2023

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**United Launches Winter Service with 50 Additional Daily Nonstops to International Cities,
Including Manila, Philippines and Christchurch, New Zealand
November 2, 2023**



United launched its international winter schedule this year with 50 additional daily flights compared to last winter, and has become the first U.S. carrier to fly direct from the continental U.S. to Manila, Philippines and will be the only carrier to fly between the U.S. and Christchurch, New Zealand, starting this December. United will also be the first U.S. airline to return to Beijing when service from San Francisco resumes on Nov. 9. In total, the airline will fly to more than 110 international destinations and grow its schedule by more than 25% versus last year, the largest winter expansion in its history.

To meet the growing demand for international travel, United strategically expanded its network with new and increased flying to key markets this winter, including:

- ▲ New service to Manila, Philippines and soon Christchurch, New Zealand
- ▲ New flights to Auckland, Brisbane, Hong Kong, Tokyo/Narita, San Juan and Montego Bay
- ▲ Daily service to Beijing and Shanghai
- ▲ Extended service to Athens, Barcelona, Rome and Paris

“United’s industry-leading international network has always set it apart from the competition, and we continue to find new ways to bring our customers the locations and schedules that they want,” said Patrick Quayle, United’s Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances. *“This winter is no exception, as we further expand and deliver unparalleled connectivity around the globe.”*

Tickets are on sale now on United’s mobile app and on [united.com](https://www.united.com).

Historic Expansion in Asia-Pacific ~ This year, United saw an unprecedented surge in Asia-Pacific travel demand and continues to rebuild its network across the Pacific to serve this sustained strength in the market. The airline’s transpacific network is 94% larger this winter than last winter, with a historic expansion in the South Pacific, the rebuilding of its China network and the addition of 15 daily non-stop flights across the Pacific region. This will make United’s Asia-Pacific network larger than pre-COVID for the first time.

United is in the midst of the largest South Pacific expansion in aviation history, adding over 40% more flights between the U.S. and Australia/New Zealand for the winter season, compared to last year. This winter, United will operate 66 flights between the U.S. and Australia/New Zealand per week.

Key highlights include:

- ▲ First and Only Non-Stop Flight between U.S.-Christchurch: Starting December 8, United will be the only airline to offer direct flights between the U.S. and New Zealand’s South Island, with the first direct San Francisco-Christchurch service.
- ▲ New Los Angeles-Auckland Service: On October 28, United launched its new Los Angeles-Auckland service, building on its position as the largest U.S. airline to serve Auckland.
- ▲ New Los Angeles-Brisbane Service: On November 29, United will become the largest carrier between the U.S. and Brisbane with its new service from Los Angeles.

United also continues to rebuild its network in mainland China. On October 1, the airline increased its service to Shanghai with a daily flight from San Francisco, and will resume its daily San Francisco-Beijing flights on November 9.

Across the Pacific, United’s network this winter is 61% larger than all other U.S. airlines combined*, with the airline adding service to key markets, including:

- ▲ First and Only Transpacific Service to the Philippines: On October 29, United became the only U.S. airline to fly direct to the Philippines from the continental U.S. with its new San Francisco-Manila flight.
- ▲ New Los Angeles-Hong Kong Service: United is the only U.S. airline to fly direct to Hong Kong, and on October 28, introduced a new daily flight from Los Angeles. In total this winter, United has three daily flights to the city from Los Angeles and San Francisco.
- ▲ Los Angeles-Tokyo/Narita Service: On October 28, United resumed daily, direct service between Los Angeles and Tokyo/Narita. With its existing service between Los Angeles-Tokyo/Haneda, United will now connect Los Angeles to both of Tokyo’s international airports.

More Opportunities for Transatlantic Travel ~ With transatlantic demand remaining at a historic high, United is extending some of its most popular seasonal routes to give customers more time to explore. This winter, United customers can take advantage of the following additional nonstop flights:

- ▲ New York/Newark – Athens, Greece: extended through November 28
- ▲ Washington-Dulles – Barcelona, Spain: extended through December 13
- ▲ Washington-Dulles – Rome, Italy: extended through January 8
- ▲ Second daily New York/Newark – Paris, France: extended through January 8

In total, United will fly to 25 destinations across the Atlantic this winter, more than all other U.S. carriers combined, and will be the only U.S. carrier to offer year-round, non-stop service to Dubai, Geneva, Edinburgh, and Amman.

Continued Growth in Latin America & Caribbean ~ For customers looking for warm-weather getaways, United has expanded its network in Latin America and the Caribbean by 30% this winter compared to last year. As part of its historic expansion out of Denver, the airline introduced two new Caribbean routes from the hub: Denver-San Juan, Puerto Rico launched on October 29 and Denver-Montego Bay, Jamaica launches on November 4.

United continues to add service from its hubs in Chicago, New York/Newark, and Washington-Dulles to destinations across the Caribbean, including Aruba, Bonaire, Grand Cayman Islands and The Bahamas.

The airline has also grown its network in Mexico by nearly 15%, compared to last winter and is now the largest carrier to the Riviera Maya region. During the winter peak, United will offer more than 200 weekly flights to Cancun from eight U.S. cities, the most in its history, including daily flights from Cleveland as well as service on its Boeing 777 widebody aircraft from Chicago, Denver and Houston. United also is increasing service from San Francisco to top Mexico beach destinations, with up to two daily flights to Puerto Vallarta and San Jose del Cabo.

United remains the largest carrier to Central America and continues to grow. The airline is increasing service this winter to some of the most popular destinations in the region, including San Jose and Liberia, Costa Rica; San Salvador, El Salvador; Belize City, Belize and Guatemala City, Guatemala.

*Excluding mainland China

Summer 2024 Starts Early at United with Airline's Largest Transatlantic Schedule in its History October 26, 2023



United builds on its leading transatlantic network with the debut of its largest-ever summer 2024 schedule – which includes the first and only non-stop flight between New York/Newark-Faro, Portugal* and new flights to Reykjavik*, Brussels, Rome and Malaga. The airline also brings back nine of its most popular seasonal routes to Portugal, Italy, France and Spain up to two months early to give customers more time and options to explore Europe.

United flies to more transatlantic destinations than all other U.S. airlines and continues to be the only airline to directly connect the U.S. with Dubrovnik, Malaga, Mallorca and Tenerife.

“United has the most flights to the most destinations across the Atlantic and we’re now giving our customers even more flexibility and choice when planning their trips abroad,” said Patrick Quayle, United’s senior vice president of global network planning and alliances. *“Whether customers are looking to travel during peak season or shoulder season, visit the most popular tourism destinations or discover a hidden gem, the scope and scale of our network makes United the easy choice for transatlantic travel.”*

Tickets for United’s new summer 2024 flights are on sale now at [United.com](https://www.united.com) and include:

New Service to Faro, Portugal ~ Beginning May 24, United will be the first and only airline to directly connect the United States and Faro, Portugal, with its new service from New York/Newark. The new flight will make it easy for U.S. customers to visit Portugal’s Algarve region, home to some of the country’s most scenic beaches and striking historic sites. The flight will operate four times a week on a Boeing 757-200. United currently serves more destinations in Portugal than all U.S. carriers with its existing year-round service between New York/Newark-Lisbon, as well as seasonal service between Washington/Dulles-Lisbon, New York/Newark-Porto and New York/Newark-Ponta Delgada, Azores.

New Flights to Reykjavik, Rome, Brussels and Malaga ~ On May 23, United will resume seasonal flying between Reykjavik and New York/Newark for the first time since summer 2022. The flight will operate daily on a Boeing 757-200. Additionally, United will add flights to some of the most popular destinations in Europe,

including a second daily frequency between New York/Newark-Brussels, starting March 30 on a Boeing 757-200, and a second daily frequency between Washington/Dulles-Rome, starting May 23 on a Boeing 767-300. Moreover, United will increase New York/Newark-Malaga to daily service on a Boeing 757-200 and will start on May 2.

Earlier Starts to Seasonal Service ~ While transatlantic summer travel demand remains at an all-time high, United has increasingly seen customers seek out spring shoulder season getaways. Last spring**, United flew 33% more customers across the Atlantic than in 2022, and the airline anticipates the demand will only continue to grow in spring 2024. To give customers more time and options to visit Europe, the airline is resuming several of its most popular routes early, including:

- ▲ Washington Dulles – Lisbon, Portugal – starting February 15
- ▲ Washington Dulles – Barcelona, Spain – starting February 15
- ▲ Washington Dulles – Rome, Italy – starting February 15
- ▲ New York/Newark – Nice, France – starting March 30
- ▲ Chicago O'Hare – Rome, Italy – starting March 30
- ▲ Chicago O'Hare – Milan, Italy – starting March 30
- ▲ New York/Newark – Naples, Italy – starting April 5
- ▲ New York/Newark – Malaga – starting May 2
- ▲ San Francisco – Rome, Italy – starting May 2

Continued Growth in Asia-Pacific and Latin America ~ Next summer, United's network across the Pacific will grow more than 30% with non-stop service to 15 destinations – including the airline's newest routes between San Francisco-Manila and San Francisco-Beijing. The airline will also grow its Latin American schedule by 10% next summer, extending some of its newest and most popular routes into the summer season. Highlights include new service between Denver-San Juan; Denver-Montego Bay; New York/Newark-Barbados and New York/Newark-Curaçao.

(*) Flight subject to government approval.

(**) Spring defined as March 1-May 31.

United Gives U.S. Army Reservists and Students Direct Path to Become Airline Maintenance Technicians October 24, 2023

United today announced the launch of the Calibrate Technician Pathway Program giving U.S. Army reservists and students from three prominent aviation maintenance schools a direct pathway to lucrative careers as technicians at the airline. In this initial phase of the program, United will establish partnerships with the U.S. Army Reserve in their Aviation Command Unit, National Aviation Academy, Aviation Institute of Maintenance and Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics with plans to bring in up to 300 eligible students per year.



This new program is in support of the airline's United Next growth plan – where the airline expects to take the delivery of 800 new aircraft between 2023 and 2032. United has already hired more than 3,200 technicians in the last 18 months and plans to hire thousands more by 2026 to support all the new planes entering the fleet.

“Investments in new aircraft and facilities require that we also increase our pipeline of maintenance technicians that will ensure our expansive fleet, facilities and equipment are safely and efficiently maintained,” said Simone Drakes, Managing Director of Calibrate at United Airlines. *“Launching this new program alongside highly regarded institutions whose high-quality training and aviation education will help us to reach our United Next and maintenance technician hiring goals.”*

Once accepted into the Calibrate Technician Pathway Program, students must maintain a high GPA and strong attendance record to remain in the hiring pool after graduation. United will host interviews, open houses and career fairs at each of the schools. With the U.S. Army Reserve, United will host career fairs within the Aviation Command Unit's local communities and provide guidance on Airframe and PowerPlant certification programs to reservists. Recruiting through the U.S. Army Reserve will also help support United's hiring goals for ground service equipment and facilities technicians.

In partnership with United's talent acquisition team, reservists and students will be invited to apply and interview at the airline's Tech Ops Recruiting Center in Houston as a final step after completing all necessary certifications on their own. Participants will have priority screening consideration and benefit from United's

large ecosystem, including access to mentorship opportunities with seasoned maintenance technicians and its 42 domestic Technical Operations stations. In the future, the airline plans to expand the program to also include its United Express carriers and Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul partners.

United Next ~ In 2021, United announced its United Next strategy anchored by the biggest aircraft purchase made by a U.S. airline in a decade – 270 single-aisle Boeing and Airbus planes – allowing the airline to increase the number of planes in its fleet and their average size. The historic purchase was followed by the largest widebody order by a U.S. carrier in commercial aviation history: 100 Boeing 787 Dreamliners with options to purchase 100 more. And the recent triple digit aircraft order gives the airline additional flexibility for its long-term fleet strategy and bolsters its leadership in global travel for years to come.

With these historic aircraft purchases comes unprecedented growth, including adding 50,000 new team members by 2026. This year alone, United is on track to hire more than 15,000 new team members companywide, including over 2,500 maintenance technicians to be based across our seven hubs and technical operation stations.

The Technician Pathway Program is separate from the current Calibrate Apprenticeship Program and focuses on bringing in fully certified new hires. Last November United, in partnership with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the Federal Aviation Administration, launched Calibrate, an in-house apprenticeship program to help increase its pipeline of maintenance technicians. The inaugural class started in Houston, followed by cohorts in San Francisco and Orlando. The airline will start accepting external applications in 2024, extending the program to its global employee base and external candidates increasing access to lucrative aviation careers.

Key Calibrate Technician Pathway Program Partners

U.S. Army Reserve ~ The U.S. Army Reserve Aviation Command (ARAC) is based in Fort Knox, KY, providing command and control for all Army Reserve aviation. The ARAC provides air traffic services, airfield management, aeromedical evacuation, combat aviation brigade reinforcement, theater aviation support and coordination of aviation staging and onward movement to support Army or joint operations.

With more than 4,400 Soldiers, approximately 600 civilians and 230 aircraft in 12 states, the ARAC is one-of-a-kind command and control center for all Army Reserve aviation, air assault, air movement, aeromedical evacuation, and inter- and intra-theater transportation, and support of all FEMA emergency response within the U.S. The ARAC operates state-of-the-art rotary-wing and fixed-wing aircraft, including the UH-60s, HH-60s and CH-47s, and C-12s and UC-35s, respectively.

National Aviation Academy ~ National Aviation Academy (NAA) is a globally recognized aviation maintenance training school focused exclusively on preparing the next generation of aviation maintenance professionals. With two Federal Aviation Administration-certified campuses in Clearwater, FL and Concord, MA, NAA offers a hands-on, industry-based curriculum with innovative technologies to fuse the theoretical with the practical. As a result, students become career-ready in as little as 14 months with classes starting every five weeks. Employers across aviation, aerospace, and parallel sectors consistently recruit NAA graduates, contributing to graduate placement rates of 96% in Tampa Bay and 89% in New England.

“Industry demand is a direct reflection of the vital importance of aviation maintenance technicians and their work, and the need to establish pathways connecting quality training to these in-demand careers is critical,” said Pam Van Sant, President & COO of National Aviation Academy. *“It’s an honor to partner with United knowing the impact the Calibrate Pathway will have for National Aviation Academy students.”*

Aviation Institute of Maintenance ~ With 15 campuses and 4,500 students nationwide, Aviation Institute of Maintenance (AIM) is known for providing high quality, hands-on training for maintenance, repair, and operations of aircraft. Certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), the AIM program typically takes 21-months to complete. AIM focuses on A&P certification throughout its program, including a 5-week capstone course which prepares students for the FAA certification exams and paying for the cost of the exams within the program. AIM has graduated nearly 60,000 students and provides thousands of graduates each year to enter the workforce.

“Over the past two years, United Airlines has hired more of our graduates than any other airline,” stated Dr. Joel English, Executive Vice President of Aviation Institute of Maintenance. *“United gets to know our students and develops relationships with them while they are in school, and they have become true members of our academic community in Newark, Chicago, Washington, San Francisco, Houston, and all of the markets we serve together. The Technician Pathway Program will help United and AIM further develop this relationship as we solve the workforce shortage together.”*

Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics ~ Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics (PIA) is a non-profit, career-focused institution offering hands-on aviation training since 1929. Students attending the main campus in West Mifflin, PA, pursue Associate in Specialized Technology degrees in Aviation Maintenance and/or Aviation Electronics Technology. PIA's campuses in Youngstown, OH; Hagerstown, MD; and Myrtle Beach, SC, feature targeted Aviation Maintenance diploma and certificate programs. Recognized by Forbes as the Top Two-Year Trade School in the nation in 2018, PIA is proudly accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Experienced faculty enhance instruction with real-world scenarios and guide students through hands-on projects endorsed by PIA's industry partners. Through a wide range of student and graduate services, a nationwide industry network, and a reputation for producing exemplary technicians for nearly a century, PIA graduates have the tools they need to be successful in the exciting world of aviation maintenance.

"We are proud to be selected as a partner school in the United Calibrate Technician Pathway Program," said Suzanne Markle, President of PIA. "It is exciting for us to align our students with this amazing opportunity, while providing United Airlines with the top talent needed for sustainable growth, which will safely and efficiently serve the traveling public."

United Promotes Benefits of Bluetooth Enabled Planes

October 12, 2023



United today showed off the capabilities of its new Bluetooth-enabled planes, with an emphasis on new AirPods Pro features that make it easier for passengers and flight crews to connect and communicate. As part of United Next, the airline's plan to modernize and grow its fleet, the carrier currently has Bluetooth connectivity on more than 100 planes and expects it to be on about 800 aircraft by 2032.

In addition to seamlessly connecting to United's new seatback screens, travelers can take advantage of other new innovative features when using AirPods Pro, including Conversation Awareness and Adaptive Audio. Now available for all AirPods Pro (2nd generation), Conversation Awareness lowers volume when the user starts speaking, which can make it easier to communicate with a flight attendant when ordering food and beverages. Additionally, Adaptive Audio is a new listening mode that dynamically blends Transparency mode and Active Noise Cancellation, adjusting the noise control based on the sound in a user's environment – like the roar of plane engines.

"United was the first U.S. airline to roll out Bluetooth, and when we saw Apple's new AirPods features, we knew it could be a game changer for our customers and our employees," said Jason Birnbaum, United's Chief Information Officer. "People want to stay connected while they're in the air, but there's also a lot of interactions between our crew and customers – the technological combination of wireless connectivity, Conversation Awareness and Adaptive Audio result in a great experience for everyone."

Here's how Bluetooth pairing works onboard United's new and retrofit planes:

- ❖ Select the Bluetooth icon from the toolbar near the bottom of the seatback screen monitor.
- ❖ Toggle Bluetooth on and ensure your Bluetooth headphones are disconnected from other devices.
- ❖ After placing them in pairing mode, select the device from your list of available devices.
- ❖ Enjoy your favorite TV shows, movies, podcasts, curated playlists and more without wired headphones!

For more than ten years, United has integrated Apple products across its operation to enhance the customer experience, including things like:

- ▲ Deploying the first paperless flight deck with iPad in 2011.
- ▲ Rolling out more than 120,000 Apple devices, including iPhone and iPad, to United employees, connecting them to one another in real-time.
- ▲ Using iPad with Touch ID to get sign-off in a matter of minutes on documents that release an aircraft for departure, helping prevent delays for passengers.
- ▲ Adding Live Activities support for the United app on iPhone, making United the first U.S. airline to make it even easier and faster for fliers to receive timely updates and find important flight details right on the Lock Screen or through the Dynamic Island on a user's Home Screen.

In addition to Bluetooth connectivity, United's new and retrofit planes also include several customer amenities, technological innovations and fuel efficiency benefits. For narrowbodies, these include seatback screens in every seat, enough overhead room for everyone's carry-on and fast Wi-Fi. And each new widebody features United Polaris® business class, where customers get their own pod with lie-flat seats and 16-

inch seatback screens. The airline recently announced new business class amenity products and services from Therabody and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Plus, United's new aircraft will continue to reduce United's per-seat carbon emissions compared to the older models they replace, in line with the airline's expectation to be net zero by 2050 by reducing greenhouse gas emissions 100% without relying on traditional carbon offsets. According to Boeing, the 787 Dreamliner contributes up to a 25% improvement in fuel efficiency and lower carbon emissions per seat compared with the airplanes it replaces and according to Airbus, the A321neo brings a 50% noise reduction and more than 20% fuel savings and CO2 reduction compared to previous generation single-aisle aircraft.

United expects that 75% of its fleet will be new-generation by 2030.

So Simple From Sheryl



Greetings from sunny Colorado! I haven't given you a casserole recipe for quite some time so I thought you might enjoy a simple recipe. I have served this to several groups of people and they have enjoyed it. Hope you do also.

Chicken With Rice and Wine:

- 1 box Uncle Ben's Long Grain and Wild Rice
- 4 boneless chicken breasts
- 1 can golden mushroom soup
- Almond slivers
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ¼ cup white wine
- 1 large can sliced mushrooms, drained

¾ cup milk

In an 11x7 baking dish sprinkle the box of rice on the bottom. Add 2 cups boiling water, the butter and seasoning packet. Stir well. Add chicken skin side up. Cover with foil and bake one hour at 350.

Remove from oven and pour the following sauce over the chicken;

Golden mushroom soup

Wine

Milk

Mushrooms

Sprinkle with almonds and bake uncovered for 30 more minutes.

This freezes well.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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

ARIZONA

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Snowbirds are starting to trickle back to their winter homes in the Arizona area ... welcome back! We hope everyone enjoys the beautiful Arizona weather and getting together with other retirees of United.

There will be no monthly breakfast in December; however, we are having a Christmas luncheon on December 6th at Slate's at Trilogy Golf Course with outdoor seating. We are expecting 20+ attendees.

Our normal monthly breakfast will resume in January. We wish everyone a very happy holiday season with good health and happy days!

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at 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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Fall is upon us in Northern California and I am sure the change in climate is all over the country. Beautiful colors and beautiful trees.



Caroline Geiger and I went to see **Charlotte Puryear** for her 103rd birthday and to have lunch with her. She is living at Lavender Hill in Redding, CA. She requested an "In and Out Burger" for lunch and we had a wonderful visit. Charlotte's friend made us a delicious rhubarb pie for dessert. Charlotte is able to move around and is as verbal and sharp as always. I asked her what's her most memorable time in her 103 years of life; she smiled and said "all of it"! She is such a delightful person and interesting to talk to.

On another subject, Paradise is having a week of events in memory of the Camp Fire. It has been 5 years as of November 8th. The town now has almost 10,000 people and along with the 1,100 standing homes, almost 3,000 new homes are being built. The resilience of the people and the town as a whole is amazing and though there have been some difficult times, Bill and I are so glad to still be a part of Paradise.

Northstaters will be having their Christmas get-together on Wednesday, December 6th at 11:00AM; in Chico at Kalico Restaurant. We will be having a lunch and a gift exchange.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Calendar:

December 6 – Wednesday, 11:00 AM. Kalico Restaurant in Chico, CA. Any retirees that may be traveling in the area are welcome.

CENTRAL COASTERS



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Now that the summer tourist rush is over and schools are open, our town and beaches have returned to normal; however, our weekends are as busy as ever.

There's not much news this week. Our Chapter did have a luncheon on Wednesday, the 18th at the Firestone Walker Brewery in Buelton; this was arranged by **Nina Powers** since she lives in Buelton. Our President, **Mike Zoldak**, requests any of our members to volunteer for the next luncheon; this gives us the opportunity to see other parts of the Central Coast.

The temperature was around the high 80's and sitting outside on the patio was very comfortable; the food was great. In attendance were **Nina Powers** and Myra, **Ken & Stella Bake**, **Joan Schaefer**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**. **Mike & Bridget Zoldak** were in Kansas baby-sitting their grandchildren for a week.

I received an E-mail from **Paula Wanska**, several weeks ago, asking me about our Chapter. She is a retiree from Seattle and she has been looking around our area for a place to live. I passed her phone number to Mike who made arrangements to take her to our luncheon. I hope she enjoyed the time with our Chapter and will relocate around here.

Otherwise, there was no news to report. **Esther & Bob Bartlett** did not attend since Bob was having some health problems. We hope he recovers quickly since both of them are very important to our group.

Flight Announcement: *"Last one off the plane has to clean it."*

DESERT SUNBIRDS

Palm Springs Area

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

We try to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; if you are visiting the Palm Springs area, we would love to have you join us. Email sabo.thomas@yahoo.com for details.

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Happy Holidays to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on November 7, we are heading in to the winter rainy season. I read in the news today that the Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, says with 100 percent certainty the strengthening El Niño weather pattern will last through early winter, and with 90 percent certainty that it will last until spring. El Niño winters have higher than average rain at our level and snow in the mountains. Hopefully, we will have enough rain to refill our reservoirs and raise the water table in our aquifers, but without the widespread flooding of last winter.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Rocco's in Walnut Creek (more on that below). We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. Our other venue is n w Rocco's in Walnut Creek because they also have a separate room that we can reserve (again, more on that below).

At every meeting we have two raffles, one for money and one for door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets and the winner gets a portion of the money collected. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but virtually all our members come to our summer picnic meeting which is a catered BBQ luncheon; and to our December meeting at Zio Fraedo's. Social hour starts at 11:00 and our meal is typically served at noon.

Our November meeting was held on November 6th at Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria in Walnut Creek with 18 members in attendance: **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska, Nancy Boyle, Barb Cunningham, Tom Johnson, Russ & Glenda Kennedy, Joe & Wilma Leather, Dee Moreci, Carol Parks** and a guest, **Russ Schleske, Jack & Judi Smith, and Sue & Ed von Emster**. This was our largest turnout to date for 2023. **Jan Soderstrom** and **Diane Griego** were the only two missing. Diane was visiting her friend in Oregon and Jan was home caring for her dog. Our president **Russ Kennedy** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Barb Cunningham** conducted the raffle and **Joe Leather** won the money for the second month in a row!

The original plan was to have lunch at Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek, with the first person there giving our count of 18 to the hostess, as they do not take reservations. Upon arrival we were told that the large table in the back room had been reserved and was not available! As luck would have it, during our business meeting, our president **Russ Kennedy** had planned to suggest two new restaurants to try, both with separate rooms we could reserve in advance. One of the restaurants, Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, was just a few minutes away. While waiting outside for everyone to arrive, the group voted to leave Black Bear Diner and go to Rocco's instead. **Tracey Blanchard** stayed until everyone showed up and sent them over to Rocco's. I am told everyone was very pleased with their meal so going forward in 2024 we will alternate between Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Rocco's in Walnut Creek.

Giraffe news. On July 31st, a rare spotless giraffe was born at Brights Zoo in Limestone, TN to a reticulated giraffe mother. The reticulated giraffe has medium to reddish brown splotches broken by cream colored borders. The name “reticulated” refers to this net-like pattern. Coat patterns are distinct for each giraffe subspecies.

The zoo says experts believe she is the only solid-colored reticulated giraffe on the planet. Brights Zoo director David Bright said in an email to CBS News that the last recorded spotless giraffe was in 1972 in Tokyo. That giraffe, named Toshiko, was born at Ueno Zoo. The zoo asked the public to vote on a name for the baby. Over 40,000 people chose between four names. The winner was Kipekee which means “unique” in Swahili. The Giraffe Conservation Foundation lists reticulated giraffes as endangered. *“The international coverage of our patternless baby giraffe has created a much-needed spotlight on giraffe conservation,”* said Tony Bright, founder of Brights Zoo. *“Wild populations are silently slipping into extinction, with 40% of the wild giraffe population lost in just the last 3 decades.”* Source: Caitlyn O’Kane, CBS News, September 5, 2023.

More giraffe news. Not to be outdone, the Oakland Zoo has a newborn giraffe too! The Oakland Zoo is celebrating the newest addition to their giraffe herd, a female calf, the first born at the zoo in 11 years. After a very long pregnancy (giraffes have a gestation period of 14-16 months), Kijiji gave birth to her first calf, Kendi on October 19. Kendi is approximately 150 lbs. and is 6.5 feet tall. Kendi means ‘loved one’ in Swahili. The new mom has exhibited her loving and protective nature by guiding Kendi into the giraffe barn. Kendi is already standing and walking around the giraffe barn and has successfully nursed from her mother.

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums develops Species Survival Plans (SSP) to help ensure healthy, genetically diverse, and demographically varied AZA species populations throughout AZA-accredited zoos in the U.S. Kijiji was brought to the Oakland Zoo in 2020 from Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City, Kansas as part of an SSP.

Once Kendi makes her public debut with her mother, at approximately two weeks old, the Zoo will have a livestream for guests and followers to tune in to everything going on with the herd. To follow the calf’s journey on live cam, save this link: www.oaklandzoo.org/webcams/giraffe-cam. Source: Conservation Society of California, October 20, 2023.

Leave the Leaves for Wildlife. Do you hate to rake leaves? Well, here are several reasons why it’s OK to leave them, or some of them, in your garden: Celebrate Leave the Leaves Month with strategic placement of leaves and yard debris to help wildlife in garden beds, under tree canopies, and compost piles for the following benefits:

Provides Habitat - Fallen leaves, dried stems, grasses and fallen twigs provide essential cover, food and places to raise young for many types of wildlife to survive the coming colder months. Frogs, turtles and salamanders rely on fallen leaves to provide cover and hibernation places; many moth and butterfly caterpillars overwinter in fallen leaves before emerging in spring.

Keeps Organic Matter Out of Landfill - Leaving leaves can help reduce the volume of organic material being sent to landfills and the amount of greenhouse gasses (methane) contributing to climate change.

Keeping Leaves Saves You Money and Time - Leaving the leaves does not require bagging and piling leaves into the street for pick up. Fallen leaves are natural mulch and fertilizer for your landscape. It’s a form of recycling/reusing. Source: Mary Phillips, Head of Garden for Wildlife Program, National Wildlife Federation

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use “all the cards he can get.” The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you’d like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. Note: This is a new email for her. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students.

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

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

the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs!

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons since May 2022, and on November 4, I turned in 1836 coupons. Amazing! From now through May 2024, I'll be turning in coupons at my DAR meeting the first Saturday of the month. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. Everyone is telling me that they are not getting coupons like they used to. It's really bad in the SF Bay Area and I'm glad that other areas of the country are still able to send coupons. This month I received coupons from **Ken & Muriel Bergsma** in IL, **Rosalie Betschart** in OR, **Joe Bradley** in PA, **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Marilyn Carle** in IL, **Barrie Hooley** in IN, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, Mr. or Ms. **Lee** in CA, **Jeannine Mooney** in SC, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, **Margaret Sarsfield** in VA, **Sheryl Schubert** in CO, **Sue Sealey** in CO, **Jim Taylor** in FL, **Norm Wilkinson** in IL, and **Mary Kay Wojtal** in AZ. Thank you all!

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

- ▲ Monday, December 4 at 11:00 — Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Salmon. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above by Friday, November 27.
- ▲ Monday, January 8, 2024 at 11:00 — Rocco's Ristorante Pizzeria, 2909 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek. We are meeting a week later because January 1 is the New Year's holiday. Social hour starts at 11:00 and we typically eat at noon. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, January 4, 2024.

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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Vera Kina opened the meeting with a toot on her duck horn. This quickly wakes us up. The Pledge of Allegiance was said as well as moments of silence for those who need all the prayers we can send. Keep those Countries, special friends and first responders in your thoughts with hopes of peace on earth!

Vera reminded everyone that the RAFA meeting is on Halloween - as of this writing, Halloween has come and gone. All the little kiddies decked out in their costumes ... enjoying balmy weather. We fell back an hour on Sunday and are looking forward to Thanksgiving. The stores around here have stocked their shelves with Christmas stuff ... wait a minute ... we want Turkey leftovers first!

Discussion was held regarding our meeting arrangements for next year. The Foster City Recreational Center may be staying open until mid-June with arrangements being held in The Vibe complex for the remainder of the year. We have yet to get any formal information regarding the status of rooms available. Watch your RUAEA Newsletter for additional information for 2024. We will be enjoying Pizza and salad with ice cream sundaes later.

Vera has planned a surprise for our November meeting so you will have to wait until our next missile for details of her culinary delights. Vera will be calling **Dave Garland** to come to the IAM meeting to inform those members of the workings of RUAEA and why they should join. We may collect dues of \$20 per person if we remain at the Rec. Center in 2024 ... stay tuned!

Ginger Dahlberg read the minutes for our last meeting which were approved as read.

Our membership coordinator, **Barbara Underhill**, advised that **Shirley Kensinger** had passed away. No services planned at this time. Long time ago member, **Angelo Wong**, also passed away recently. Only **Barbara Underhill**, celebrated her Natal Day; no anniversaries or people in need of some TLC. Barbara will be working at the election offices again and will be missing several get-togethers in 2024. Make sure that you get

out there and **vote!**

Our Historian, **Carol Slater**, gave us some interesting information regarding Past Presidents of UAL and where they were buried. It was noted that **Pat Patterson** was buried in Oakland (and not in Hawaii.)

It was good to see **John Bogdanoff** and **Frank Minnick** swapping stories of days gone by. **Bill & Diane Heinrich** were telling everyone to watch the football games coming up. **Lydia Rolfe**, **Pat Ortega**, and **Colleen Wood** enjoyed the pizzas. **Bob Donovan** is enjoying his 100 plus birthdays. **Gary Chong** nominated **John Garis** for our Treasurer for the remainder of the year ... he graciously accepted. **Ginger Dahlberg** will be chairing any meetings and will continue to write the chapter report for the RUAEA Newsletter.

So here we are, awake, and enjoying our good weather. Our schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

- ★ December 6 – BJ's Restaurant in Bridgepoint Center in San Mateo is confirmed at 11:30am, separate checks, members and guests pay own bill. Drag out those Christmas sweaters. Let Vera know if you plan on attending so that she can advise BJ's how many will attend.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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This beautiful fall month of October found the Hangtown Miners enjoying the delicious lunches offered at the Forester Pub & Grill right in the middle of Apple Hill Celebrations in Camino, CA. Our president, **Rudy Blazius**, extended a heartfelt "Thank You" to our hosts **Tom & Suzanne Kenny**. Nearly 30 Miners were in attendance to enjoy our meeting.

Rudy inquired about guests and he just happened to bring a few. **Rudy & Cindy Blazius'** son Shawn and wife Michelle and Cindy's brother Ernie and Diane. We had two birthdays – **Anne Barton** and **Chris Delfino**. A very Happy Birthday to both of you! We didn't have any couples shout out for celebrating an anniversary this month, but we had two hired on with UAL in October—**Rudy Blazius** and **Suzanne Kenny**.

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** shared a few items with us below!

Vice President ~ Our VP, **JR Heier**, said he didn't have anything special to report. However, we did hear him loud and clear with the Raffle!

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reported that, as of the end of August, our bank statement balance is looking good! Tom updated us regarding the Tool Donation Program that he has been organizing and is doing a great job! Some additional tools were just delivered to him at the Minden Reunion last week to be added to the latest collection. The tools that have been collected already will hopefully be on their way to Sacramento City College for their A & P program by Thanksgiving. That is about a month earlier than last year. If any of you may know of anyone who would like to donate tools, please let Tom know. (tck46@flash.net)

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have a report as your secretary today because she called in sick! Feel better, Jane! Our meetings are just not the same without you. I want to say "Thank You" to Suzanne for taking the minutes for me and writing them up as well.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** shared with us that she sent a sympathy card to **Thom Biro** for the loss of his beautiful daughter, **Dawn Penmann**. She had been navigating a mental health crisis for many months until she passed away on September 7, 2023. This is an illness that is real and we don't talk about enough. NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness has help or support if you or someone you love is struggling with signs and symptoms of mental health.

Old Business ~ Officers? This is the month we nominate our selection for officers for 2024. Since our present officers are willing to put in another year, this went very smoothly. The following members were nominated: *President ~* **Rudy Blazius**; *Vice President ~* **JR Heier**; *Treasurer ~* **Tom Kenny**; *Secretary ~* **Jane Gibson**; *Sunshine ~* **Suzanne Kenny**. All positions were approved. Voting will take place next month.

Where will we have our Christmas Luncheon? Rudy asked if everyone could think of possibilities as time is getting short to make a reservation. **Suzanne Kenny** will contact the Smith Flat House where we went last year for menu/price selections. Also, the Log Cabin Banquet Center as a possibility. If anyone has ideas, please get information to share so we can vote on a place for our special luncheon this Christmas.

New Business ~ The Retired United Mechanics Reunion that was held in Minden earlier this month was a huge success. The weather was perfect for a great relaxing time together. There was a great crowd just short of 90 in attendance. Our Chapter was well represented with **Jane Gibson** and **Rosemary Heier** stepping in to keep this annual reunion going. We had cooks on the grill – **JR Heier**, **Tom Kenny** and **Duncan Nielsen**. **Diana Bell** was collecting money and updating contact list. Thank you to everyone for bringing tables, pop-ups, chairs and most of all the many delicious side dishes and desserts!

Over 35 of us went to the JT Basque Bar & Dining Room for dinner in Gardnerville on Tuesday night. It is a keeper and Rudy mentioned that it should be a regular for this event. The Reunion and BBQ are being scheduled for the 3rd week in September next year ... 2024.

We are looking forward to the November luncheon which will be at the Moonraker Millhouse, a new restaurant for us. **Gina Kenworthy** has given me the info.

Words from Rudy: Bail 'Em Out! Hell, back in 1990, the Government seized the Mustang Ranch brothel in Nevada for tax evasion and, as required by law, tried to run it. They failed and it closed. Now, we entrust the economy of our country, our banking system, our auto industry and possibly our health plans to the same nit-wits who couldn't make money running a whore house and selling whiskey? What the Hell are we thinking?

Our meeting came to an end and JR (the quiet one) took over and started the raffle. Our donator's prize went to **Patti Kenny**! As always, Thank You, to everyone who brought items for our raffle today: **Heier** – wine; **Trebnik** – lighted butterfly candle; **Blazius** – vase with greenery; **Kenny** – table decorations; **Kenney** – autumn hanging; **Wolfram** – basket; **Gibson** – fancy guest towels; **Delfino** – apple cheesecake, apple crisp and apple cider.

Thank you all for coming today and stay safe until next time!



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The November Breakfast was attended by 24 retirees. It was a little chaotic as our regular breakfast room was under maintenance so we were located in a much smaller room and it got crowded; we were not able to move around and talk with each other as we are used to doing. The noise level was bad, and since many retirees have hearing issues that was a problem also. We will be so glad to get back to our regular room in December .

There is not a lot of news this month. **Betty Tomaino** is still out cruising the Panama Canal and will be home by the time this is published. Looking forward to hearing about the great time I am sure she had.

Peggy Van Sickle is still in the hospital and has undergone more surgery. She is weak and tired but we hope to have her back with us soon. After receiving a stent, which is why she didn't attend the Convention, she was in a bad auto accident. She is in the hospital and has had a couple of surgeries and we are all praying for her.

Have received word the Ramp Agent, we know as "Country", **Greg Derrick** has been in a hospital in Las Vegas recovering from surgery. He did have a setback and they called a Code Blue and revived him. Will try to get more info on Greg's health.

Maria Pollack will be celebrating her Birthday on December 30th. We wish her the best for the coming New Year!

The RESANS Christmas Luncheon will be on December 7th and will be held at Hunter's Steakhouse in Oceanside. It worked well for us last year and we are excited to be doing this again. Despite the drive for some of us, it was welcomed by those who make the monthly drive from North County.

Wishing everyone the best of the Christmas Holiday and a very Happy New Year!

Calendar:

December 7 – Christmas Luncheon at Hunter's Steakhouse in Oceanside.

January 4 - Monthly retiree breakfast; 10:00 AM. Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394.

SACRAMENTO
GOLD DIGGERS

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SACRAMENTO



The Gold Diggers met for lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville on October 25th. The event was hosted by **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** and they decorated the tables with festive and fun autumn items. We had 23 members and a guest, **Linda Lance**, from the Chicago area who had joined us with some of the functions at the RUAEA Reunion in San Diego.

President **Jim Simon** started the meeting by introducing Linda and thanking Veronica & Francis for hosting. VP **Barbara Bertacini** advised that we are set for this year's Holiday Luncheon and it will be on Wednesday, December 6th. The location will be at Catarina's Cantina in Rocklin. A flyer for the event will be forthcoming and as usual, the member's meals will be subsidized.

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** mentioned that he would cover the anniversaries for September as well as October since there was no meeting in September due to the Reunion. In September, the **Domaratius** celebrated 38 years, and the **Zobolis** celebrated 35 years. For October, the **Auerbachs** celebrated 11 years, the **Bertacinis** 33 years and the **Knapps** 60 years.

Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that we are still solvent as a chapter and reiterated that the chapter will subsidize the Holiday Luncheon. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** was unable to attend but fortunately, had no news to report. Historian **Francis Domaratius** mentioned that he had a couple of books with past photos and some of the chapter's history for members to look over.

RUAEA Regional Director **Dave Garland** covered the recent RUAEA Reunion, saying that it was a great success. Several members of RUPA (United Pilots) and some from ARECA (Continental Retirees) were in attendance; if you were not there, you missed a good one. Dave also advised that the 2024 Reunion will again be at the Dana on Mission Bay in San Diego, the hotel rate will be at the same prices as this year's. The dates are September 27 to October 2, 2024.

After lunch, Jim had some trivia about happenings on October 25th in history: 1881 Pablo Picasso a Spanish painter was born, he died at the age of 91 in 1973. 1902 Santa Maria, Guatemala was hit by an earthquake killing an estimated 6,000 people. 1906 US inventor. Lee de Forest patents "Audion" a diode amplification valve which proved a pioneering development in radio and broadcasting. 1937 Casey Stengel signs as manager of the Boston Bees baseball team. 1940; Bob Knight born, American basketball player and coach (Indiana University). 1957 Crime boss Albert Anastasia is murdered in a barber's chair in New York City, probably by fellow mobster Joe Gallo. 1962 American author John Steinbeck was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, he wrote the Grapes of Wrath. 1982 Katy Perry, an American singer and songwriter is born. 1992 singer and songwriter Roger Miller dies from cancer at the age of 56.

We had a birthday roll-off for both September and October with three birthdays in each month. September was **Lyle Auerbach, Barbara Bertacini** and **Robin Garland** with Barbara being the winner. October was **Ron Bertacini, Dennis Carr** and **Veronica Domaratius** with Dennis being the winner.

We finished the day with our monthly raffle with many interesting items including the table decorations.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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President **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:30. The San Joaquiners met at Good Friends Chinese Restaurant in Valley Springs.

We were able to complete updating the Chapter's bank account signature card. Currently **Pat Scoble** and **Sandy Brooks** have signature authority and bank statements are sent to **Pat Scoble**.

Bob & Pat attended the RUAEA Reunion in San Diego. They report that the hotel did an excellent job supporting the convention. The RUAEA Reunion Committee also did an outstanding job putting together a great week of sight seeing and entertainment. At the business meeting for all members, several representatives from UA gave presentations, Credit Union and Investment Counseling, Travel, and Travel requirements, and

most importantly Cyber Security, targeted at seniors. Bob brought a number of handouts that each group provided and he will distribute at our next meeting.

This year's Reunion also included members from RUPA, Clipped Wings and a few Continental folks. To bring wider groups of retirees together was an initiative started by **Don Burbank**. Next year's convention will be at the same location and at the same prices.

Steve & Jacque Foster went to the Carson Valley Inn for the UA Mechanics get together. They were joined by **Bob & Mary Brown**, **Sandy & Bob Brooks**, and **Mike & Anita Millard**. They reported having a great time and a wonderful barbeque. There were a total of almost 90 attendees. In 2024, they hope to work out a date that does not conflict with the RUAEA Reunion in San Diego. **Bill & Jane Gibson** (as first timers) did an outstanding job of organizing this event.

At our next meeting, President **Bob Scoble** will open the meeting up to select new officers for the coming year. Please consider nominating yourself for any or all of the following positions that will be open as of January 2024: President, VP President, Treasurer, Secretary and Good Will Person.

Joann Nesja sent the attached message regarding our good friend **Rosie Walls**. I did talk with Joann to get a bit more understanding. Rosie's son Michael does live in the Carson area, and she is staying with him. So, Rosie has family nearby. We don't have any info regarding hospital or other local contact information. When we learn of additional information, I will update our group. For now, please keep Rosie in your thoughts and prayers for speedy recovery.

"Rosie is in the hospital in Carson City. After she returned from her trip to Oklahoma City, she has been having breathing problems and has ended up in the hospital at least twice. I think she said she has congestive heart failure. Her son is very busy with 2 jobs and has had a challenge finding time to bring her back over the hill. (Rosie leaves her car at our house and Michael picks her up here so she won't have to drive over the pass.) She called us about 2 p.m. and said she was being admitted again today. Please pray for speedy recovery."

Update: Jo Ann Nesja has been in contact with Rosie and sent this good news update: *"Rosie was released from the hospital a few days ago. It was an irregular heartbeat, which her doctors were able to return to normal. She is currently staying in Carson now for a birthday party. Rosie expects to join us on the 9th at Huckelberry's in Oakdale."*

Next month's meeting will be in Oakdale at Huckelberry's Restaurant 1214 F St on November 9th. Steve & Jacque have reserved Firenze's Restaurant, 502 Yosemite Ave in Oakdale for the Christmas Luncheon on December 14th.

It's important that you give Bob or Steve a call to let us know if you are able to join for each luncheon. The restaurants have been very accommodating with last minute rearrangement of tables. It would be good if we can give them an early head count. Call Bob or Steve: **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626 5308 or cell (925) 642 2465; **Steve Foster**, (209) 328 1210 or cell (925) 487-1266.

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It was so great to have 22 people in attendance at our November meeting. We had the use of the outside covered patio with the weather cooperating and everyone was in such good spirits.

This included a few guests: **Dave & Robin Garland**; **Ralph & Johanna Byrd** and **Karen Behle**. Also in attendance was **Karen Jenkins** who is considered a regular member, so I won't refer her as a guest.

A few birthdays in November included **Bill Reichard**; **Karen Devlin**; **Bob Devlin**; **Bob Matkovich** and **George Midwin**.



Anniversary celebrations included **Tony & Sally Urso**; **Alex & Margie Klaus**; **Bill & Rosemary Reichard** and **Bob & Rita Matkovich**.

Our next meeting is December 4th at the Bill of Fare restaurant on Saratoga Ave. The annual Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th at BJ's in Cupertino, please contact **Hiroko Caster**, (408) 242-9839 for reservations.

Pictured: **Chuck Clayborn**; **Lyn Buchholz**; **Bob Mattscheck**; **Marianne Johnson**; **Dave & Robin Garland**; **Ralph & Johanna Byrd**; **Ben & Cheri Scales**; **Karen & Bob Devlin**; **Merle Sweet**; **Bill & Rosie Reichard**; **Karen Behle**; **Jean Jenkins**; **Karen Jenkins**; **Chuck Thuener**; **Ted Boone** and **George & Julie Midwin**.

SOLANO FLYERS



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The Solano Flyers met on October 18 with 13 chapter members in attendance. The Chapter Officers in attendance were President **Larry Jackson**, Treasurer **Jo Anne Blizzard** and Secretary **Jo Anne Blizzard**. We welcomed 2 new members, **Gerald Williams** and **Chauncey Baine**.

The 50/50 Drawing: Members purchase tickets, \$1 / ticket, or \$6 for \$5. Members keep one half and deposit the other separated tickets in the ticket roller. This month's 50/50 winner is **Stuart McCale**.

Birthdays ~ **Eileen Gardner**.

Anniversaries ~ There is no anniversary celebrated this month.

Our next Meeting is schedule for November 15 at the Point in Rio Vista.

COLORADO

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Paul Goodyear opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag. **Peggy Inman** from Alaska is our guest; it was good to see her.

The Mechanics breakfast is held on the 3rd Friday and was moved to Jus Grilled on Buckley and Illif.

Don Burbank is currently having health problem, you can go to "Caring Bridge" to find Don's status.

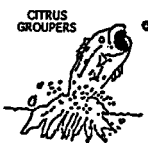
Please keep **Cas Spokas** in your prayers as he has recently been diagnosed with liver cancer. Virgil is looking for someone to take over all the IT work that Cas has been responsible for; please call Virgil if you are interested (303) 963-6690.

There was a memorial for **Jim Spate** on October 28th with many Mile Highers in attendance.

The 50/50 winners were **Ginger Spate**, **Gene Sibley**, **Vi Hanson** and **Yumi Trujillo**.

Our Christmas luncheon will be at Ted's Place on December 7th, the menu is Prime Rib. If you plan to attend, the cutoff date for the count for the restaurant is 12/1. Call **Virgil Gooselaw** at (303) 963-6690 and tell him you plan to attend the Christmas Luncheon.

FLORIDA



THE CITRUS GROUPE THE VILLAGE

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

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net or **Rich Capozzi** at rcapozzi@rocketmail.com.



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What a beautiful, sunny day for our November Annual Picnic! Our chefs' **Al Fields** and **Monte Clark** cooked every hamburger and hotdog to perfection – well, I never heard a complaint, nope, not a single one! Biggest turnout ever – 34 members and guests joined us today: **Angel & Julia Montalvo**, **Al & Lois Fields**, **Bob & Maria Alonzo**, **Ted LeGrand III**, **Joe & Barb Fitak**, **Stan & Barbara Halterman**, **Ernie & Cheryl Vosges**, **Dick & Cathy Benson**, **Mack Chandler**, **Dan Raciak**, **Al & Joanne Mollet**, **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand**, **Monte Clark**, **Retta Finn**, **Laurie Bork** & guest, **Norma McInnis**, **Tom Cannata** & guest, **Ed DiCicco**, **Diane Lewis**, **Connie Lenard**, **Linda Agnello**, **W. R. Bob Olsen**, **Maureen Sterinsky**, **Dennis Schuster**, and **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**. Every side dish and every dessert was tasty and non-fattening! Ho!

After the Pledge, after the prayer of thanks, the 10 Veterans in the group were asked to stand, "name, rank, & serial number" (Kidding) but a huge round of applause and a very heartfelt, "Thank you for your Service" was given to each and every one of them!

Treasurer Charlotte collected Christmas Luncheon cash & checks to confirm reservations for the Annual Luncheon to be held on December 5th at noon sharp, at Maggiano's Italian Kitchen.

If you forgot your checkbook (like I did ☹ ... geez), do the math ... \$32.00/PP for Member & one Spouse/Guest. Non-Members welcome at \$51.00/PP. The cutoff date to RSVP is November 20th. Make your check out to **Charlotte LeGrand**, 1719 Branchwater Trail, Orlando, FL32825.

Happy Birthday Balloons to **Dennis Schuster** (11/27) and **Patti Clark** (11/22) who is getting a new hip for her big day (Ugh), and **Monte Clark** (11/16).

Special Anniversary Wishes to **Stan & Barbara Halterman**, celebrating 65 years on November 29th!

Prayers for all of us, but most especially MCOOZ Retiree **Edna Gooseman**, who passed away on November 5, 2023. Condolences to 160 Blue Stone Circle, Winter Garden, FL 34787.

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Our November lunch was held on the Friday, the 3rd. We had 13 guests attending including one new member, **Elizabeth Gleason**, formally of SFOCS and a few other departments. It turns out she was the wife of a friend of mine from New York who also worked at UA; it's a small world.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 1st at LYNQ restaurant at 11:30AM.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Calendar:

Decemeber 1 – Luncheon at LYNQ restaurant in Ft. Myers



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Our November meeting had 6 people in attendance. President **Jon Wilkinson** was out sick.

We discussed what's on with UAL. We also talked about trips members have taken recently: Kevin traveled to Las Vegas and went to the new attraction Sphere. He was very impressed with it. Jean went to Denver to see family and had a good trip.

We talked about our upcoming Christmas Luncheon and decided on a location, date and time: Wednesday, December 13th, Outback Steakhouse, 19860 State Rd. 54, Trinity, FL 34655. Time 1PM. We will send out reminders at the beginning of December.

We wished all Veterans A Good Day!

A Very Happy Thanksgiving to **all**!

Calendar:

December 13 – Christmas Luncheon at the Outback Steakhouse in Trinity, 1PM.

TREASURE COAST

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We have great news from The Treasure Coast Chapter in Stuart, Florida! Starting in 2024, our chapter will start up meetings once again on a limited basis with meetings in March June September and December. Meetings will be held at various locations.

There will be a Welcome Back Holiday luncheon on December 5th to be held at Carmines La Trattoria Restaurant, 2401 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Anyone system wide who may be in our area and would like to join us please contact me at above e-mail address.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy Holiday Season!

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

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

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

IDAHO



BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems will be meeting at O'Crab Restaurant in Boise in a few days. We look forward to seeing our members.

Fall is beautiful in Boise this year and the fall colors are spectacular!

We wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving in a few weeks.

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December—It's Twinkle Light month again! So what have **you** accomplished this year? Since you're reading this, you accomplished stayin' alive just like John Travolta! Congratulations! I've asked a few friends what they'd like to accomplish or see in the New Year. Most said they'd just like to live and see more of their family and stay healthy. I don't think I could argue with that. Peace, quiet and contentment, surrounded with love. The reason for the season is more of a religious nature. It is a Christian holiday, but we have to include Hanukah, Kwanza, and perhaps a few others. Maybe we should remind our little ones of that as they tear off pretty paper from all those toys and explain the holiday is all about the spirit of love and light and hope and being good, which has become somewhat universal. Our world today is not the world I remember growing up in. Perhaps a few more prayers would help us out. I miss my old world.

The flower for December is the holly shrub with its white berries that turn red when the cold weather comes upon us. The paper white narcissus is the other beautiful flower for the month. It stands for purity and unconditional love. Hard to believe the December flower isn't the poinsettia. Just looked it up, Joel Poinsett, the first United States minister to Mexico, found this flower in 1820 and brought it to America. Apparently, they already chose the other two for December flowers of the month. Either way, it's still pretty and if treated properly, will last for years. The birthstones for December are turquoise, tanzanite, and zircon. They all have a colorful array of blue, purple and sea green; all lovely and serenely tranquil to the eye.

The Northside, ORDMM mechanics and Foremen breakfasts will be held after the 9th of November, so I don't have any information or name lists at this time. This Chicago report goes into the editor on the 7th, so I'll enter that information next month. Then we can hear about all of the Thanksgiving festivities. Hope you had something to do and to be with, family or friends, to celebrate what we're thankful for. With all the fuss out there, I'm still glad to be around, aren't you? We can see our kids grow up, and spend time with them. Phooey

on the aches and pains, forget them, I still know who I am and where I've been. Actually my sister says I remember too much of **her** life. Funny ...

The IAM union 1487 had about 80 people at their Surprise Chicken Lunch this month. Thanks to all the members that brought sides, salads and desserts. Also a big thank you to all the volunteers who set up the food, then packed up the leftovers for everyone. **Dave Roderick** can always use more people to help out. Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas party on December 7 at the Seville. Any other information, write to **Mary Alice Parker** at Imparkerb52@aol.com.

The Skyliner party is on December 5, at the Belvedere. I hope you all sent in your money to **Tom Pelc**. If you forgot, his number is (630) 219-9507, maybe you can work out a 'deal'. Good food and entertainment are promised. We have the same melodious and clever singers as last year, a truly joyous afternoon. Don't forget the squash soup!

Got some information for you ~ The Mainliner Store at the Res Center on Touhy Avenue is opened Monday through Friday from 11:00 to 1:30. It's on the first floor of the old Res building. The ORD store, in the C-Concourse cafeteria is opened on Monday, from 11:00 to 5:00. On Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:30 to 3:30. I have news from Alliant Credit Union, too. I got the info from **Rich Holke**, you all remember Rich, nice, smart and probably knows all of us personally, from many years of helping us, financially. The Touhy office is closed for public business. The Credit Union is no longer a branch environment, as they are all digital. There are thousands of ATM's around the country that are no-charge machines. Look up, alliantcreditunion.org, to find locations and hours. There are ATMs in the area, however, they are not owned by Alliant. If you have a checking account and use an ATM that charges, the CU will reimburse you for the fee on the same day up to \$20 per month. There still are over 70 thousand atms in our network that do not charge. The Golf Road office is also closed and all employees work either 100% from home or a few days at Touhy. The Willis office was closed July of 2020 when all of their remaining branches were closed. The call center is located on Touhy and is open 24/7; their number is 800 328-1935. The old Res office is mostly used for training. The first floor is dedicated to inflight training where recurrent flight attendant training takes place. The second floor is area and ground equipment training. Airport equipment driving training is conducted on the west side of the parking garage lot. Parking is still available for travelers in the northwest corner of the lot. We can call American taxi for a ride, phone is 800 244-1177, you can book your departure from Res and your return trip at the same time. The cost is \$16.00 plus tip. You can pay from your mobile phone, Apple Pay or Pay Pal. Everything is so easy now.

You know stores and companies have been closing all over the country, for various reasons. If you're over 40, you have to remember seeing that cheesy commercial for Victory Auto Wreckers. Well, you'll see it no more, unless you watch it on YouTube. They are going out of business on November 18. Yes! It was founded in 1945, by two WW2 veterans, hence the name, Victory. The Weisner family bought the 10 acre yard in 1967, and now say, 'it's a lot of work and it's time to close the doors.' They are not going to sell the business, it just happens that the company is in the way of the I-390 Elgin-O'Hare expansion. The truth always comes out.

More news from Chicago, actually, St. Charles, Pheasant Run Resort, really big in the 60's up to 2020. I think they had a fire that really ruined it. There was a Zanies, stage plays, singers, concerts, golf course, and an indoor/outdoor pool with salt water; more memories from the not so distant past, at least not for us. Just last month, they demolished it. Not sure what the future plans are.

One more interesting tidbit from the Illinois Tollway. I bet a lot of you have the transponder on your car window. Well, starting in 2024, they're going to be switching to a sticker system instead of transponder. Now we pay a \$10 deposit. There is no deposit cost on the sticker tag. You can get as many as you need for the cars in your household. The only difference is that once the sticker is placed on your windshield, it needs to stay there. If you peel it off, as in getting a new car or replacement windshield, it's useless. The present transponders will work until they expire.

Effective January 1, you can get the new sticker online, at the customer service centers or oasis, as well as Jewel stores. The agency will be partnering with car dealerships and auto glass repair shops to distribute stickers. How convenient for us! We won't lose our \$10 deposit either, it will be automatically transferred to our new sticker account. We'll be instructed how to dispose of the transponders since they have a battery in them. Stickers use a radio frequency identification (RFID) and there is no battery. Now if they'd only lower the cost of the tolls. I remember back in the 60's when they built the tollways, they told us as soon as the tolls paid for the construction costs, they'd make the tollway free. Ha, and we fell for that. Now we're paying for reconstruction, new tollways, oasis, taxes, lights, signs, and a myriad of other excuses, but we're modern and keeping up with other states. They don't even have people taking our money, all automated machines.

My Cubbies made the news again this month. They got rid of Dave Ross and hired the Milwaukee Brewers coach, Craig Counsell, for 40 million dollars with a five year contract! Why? Wish I knew, it was a November surprise from the Cubs management. They kept saying Ross was 'their guy', then on November 6th, said, maybe not. Perhaps they'll find an assistant job for him in the front office. Fans are in a dither about the whole business. We liked David, but 'like' doesn't win games, does it? At least he has his second place Dancing with the Stars trophy to fall back on. Right. But we have good news from the Joliet Slammers minor league franchise. Remember Bill Veeck? His son, Michael, grandson, Night Train, and the incomparable, Bill Murray, are now majority owners of the Slammers. Bill and Mike have been partners for 32 years with numerous clubs. This might be your chance to see Bill in person at a few games. The field is right across the Rock Island train depot in Joliet. Very convenient for an afternoon seeing a ball game and a celebrity. Some good baseball news. Gotta look on the bright side, right?

Our fellow workers that flew West last month include **Marilyn Falishio Novak**, and **Nancy L. Brown**, CHIRR, **Jan Nelson Marrs**, CHIRR/OPBCM (FO), **Gene Ruder** and **Bob Davis**, ORDFO, **James Dougill**, ORDCG, **Brendan Lee Mead**, ORDSW, **John 'Tim' Madden**, ORDCS/PHXCS), **Steve Kaput**, EXO/WHQ/OPC, and another one of the "good guys", **Lance Albert**, ORDMM.

Also from our world, actors, Phyllis Coates (Lois Lane), Suzanne Summers (Three's Company & Thigh Master), Piper Laurie (Carrie), Mark Goddard (Lost in Space), Richard Roundtree (Shaft), Richard Moll (Night Court), Burt Young (Rocky movies), Buck Trent (Hee Haw), Joan Evans (Edge of Doom), Lara Parker (Dark Shadows), Tyler Christopher (General Hospital), Matthew Perry (Friends), Ken T. Mattingly (Apollo 13 astronaut), Sports, Indiana University's coach, wild Bobby Knight, winning many championships, even the Olympics, Newscaster, Harry Porterfield (Channel 7 news), Michael Chiarello (Food Network chef), singers, Rudolf Isley (Isley Brothers),

Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore.

Another year has passed for me to thank all of you that have written or called me and complimented me on my writing of the monthly Newsletter. I value your kind words and hope to continue sending out my good thoughts, and laughs, with information for a long time to come. Stay well and take good care of yourselves. I'd miss you, too, if anything happened to you/us/me. Happy New Year!

This song is reflective in nature, and is basically about two Scottish friends catching up over a drink for two, their friendship having been long and occasionally distant. Sounds like us on New Years Eve.

'Should old acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind. For auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we'll take a cup of kindness yet, for auld lang syne.' Wishing you all a wonderful, healthy and happy 2024! We all deserve a better year, and many laughs, to go with it. Maybe make new friends and you'll have somebody new to laugh with, share ailments and medication names.

A final farewell to 2023, friends and family that we've lost, some very special. Even celebrities that we've grown up with, laughed and danced with. Au Revoir, '23, Bienvenue '24, the unknown.

Calendar:

Skyliner Luncheon - Belvedere Banquets, 11:00 A.M. 1170 Devon Ave, Elk Grove (**December 5**)

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**December 14**), second Thursday of the month (Note: New Address).

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, (**December 7**) 11:00AM. First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**December 21**). Third Thursday.

INDIANA



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Our last chapter meeting was held on October 10th with our next meeting scheduled for November 14th. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, **Charles Theiss** and son, **Allan Miller**, **Ralph**

Barnett and Frank Ingegno. The only business discussed regarded planning for our annual Christmas luncheon which is planned for our December chapter 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. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **November 14**, at Emmy's
- **December 12**, Christmas Luncheon
- **January 9, 2024** at Emmy's
- **February 13, 2024** at Emmy's

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There is no report this month from the Nor'Easters chapter of RUAEA.

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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Marquerite Venn is hosting the November Luncheon at West Point Barbecue in Dearborn, Michigan. It will be on November 15th (Wednesday) at 11:30AM. The restaurant is located at 25301 Michigan Ave. The restaurant is owned by a former United employee, Fanica (cargo SPD), and her family. If you would like to join us, contact Marguerite by November 13 to RSVP at (313) 909-9053 or mptv85@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

We are sad to learn that **Gary Zwick**, former DTWCS and DTWRR United employee, passed away on October 11, 2023.

Have a beautiful and blessed Thanksgiving!

Thought for the month: *"It's never too late to be thankful."*

NEBRASKA



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NEVADA

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Submitted by Mary Chandler

The Las Vegas Silverliners are planning a holiday celebration for November 30. The 11:30 AM luncheon buffet will take place at Durango Hills Golf Course, 3501 N Durango Dr, Las Vegas.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction at the luncheon. Our retirees have been most generous over the years, donating to local charities and food banks. This year we will focus our efforts on helping the people of Maui.

All retirees are welcome to join our November 30 holiday celebration.

For more information and reservations please contact **Mary Chandler**, (702) 382-0669, honolulumary06@yahoo.com or **Arlene McCroy**, (702) 273-0800, apolloguys@aol.com.

Aloha and Mahalo!

If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our luncheons and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Arlene McCroy** at apolloguy@aol.com for information about the next luncheon.



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 12 members at our October 9th meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

John and I attended the memorial services for **Larry Reid** on September 17th. Larry's two sons were present, as well as **Donna Scaife**; **Duncan** was unable to make it. It was held at the VFW in South Lake Tahoe. They did a very nice job of the flag presentation. I did not realize it but Larry was a veteran of two service branches: the Army and the Air Force. The Air Force is where he became an aircraft mechanic.

Pat Zoboli passed around individual copies of the lunch menu for Biscotti's with a summary page. The orders and the money to pay for them will be collected at our November meeting. Please be prepared to pay with cash or check – **No payments will be accepted the day of the luncheon.** Do not add tax and tip; those costs will be subsidized by the Chapter.

Celebrating October birthdays are **Barbara Leusing** and **Donna Perkins**. The 50/50 was won by **Lynda Klemm**. **Kathy Robinson** won the little sitting Halloween scarecrow.

Our next meeting will be on November 13 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St. See you there.

NEW JERSEY

THE GARDEN STATERS

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Submitted by Frank Warzocha, Garden Staters President

We had 20 attendees at our luncheon and a surprise visit by **Rich Creighton** and **Bill Goya**. Bill talked about the paperwork that he sent out about the coming election and Rich talked about the problems that exist on the EWR ramp including firings for dozing off in the lunchroom.

Jeff Holder won the 50/50 and **Bob Sculerati** told me to tell everyone a big "Thank You" for the get well card; he's feeling much better. **EV Eaton** just had his 99th birthday earlier in the month, wishing you many more, EV!

We have no luncheon scheduled for the month of November; our next meeting will be on December 6th which will be our annual Christmas party. **John Deily** has been getting some gifts together, so we hope to see you there.

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

Happy Anniversary to **Donna & Bob Cardenas**, celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Birthday wishes to **Leo Talochino**, **Arthur Wilsdorf**, **James Ammon**, **LeeAnn Lack**, and **Velma Jones**.

Our 50/50 winners were **George Riggi**, **Suzanne Lagasi**, and **Frank Ferrara**.

George Riggi received a very warm welcome back from all of us; we haven't seen George for almost a year due to health issues. We then said goodbye to **Frank Ferrara** who is heading to Florida for the winter months.

We want to remind everyone that our Christmas Luncheon is scheduled for December 6th; there will be no January lunch.

Happy Holidays to all!

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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On November 1st, we gathered at the Shale Creek Golf Club House for lunch. Our hosts for the month were thanked for the great job they did. We had 32 members in attendance. This being November, some of our members have already left for “Sunny Climates”. But on the other hand, many of our members with health issues just can’t make it to our monthly luncheons. So, our attendance is about half of what was normal just 6 years ago. Back then we had something like 65 to 75 members attending. And our total membership was about 247. Now our membership has dropped to 165.

After a wonderful lunch, we had our 50/50 drawing and had three pots for \$25 each with 3 happy winners.

November 11th has been designated as “Veteran’s Day”. All Veterans in attendance were asked to stand and say what branch of the military service they served. In honor of their service, we said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang “God Bless America”. I think the walls shook.

*We did celebrate Birthdays of people in attendance. And yes, we sang “Happy Birthday” to them. *Also, Members with Anniversaries in November told us the number of years they have been married.

Now for a little peek at December’s luncheon. We will be going to Diamond Event Center where the food and service is always **great**. We take a rest and do not meet in January. We’ll probably have a snowstorm or two.

We wish everyone a very “Happy Thanksgiving” & “Merry Christmas.”

Calendar:

December 6 - Diamond Event Center

February 7 - RUMA’S, the food and service are always **great**

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ER’S



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Our September meeting was another gala affair. Good food, fantastic conversations and lots of laughs.

Unfortunately, I need to report several deaths in October:

- ★ **Keawe Tafua** passed away on 10/8/23. He was retired and worked at PDX in the Stores Department. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, 11/4.
- ★ **Al How** passed away on Saturday, October 14th. He had been in the hospital and was battling COVID and pneumonia. There will be no service. If you wish to send **Carol** a card, the address is 15510 NE Knott St. #17, Portland, OR 97230-8704. Al had worked in Stores at PDX.
- ★ **George Thomas** reported that his wife **Elaine** passed away 10/20/23. She had been battling Dementia for some time now. He will advise us of any service that will be held for her. If you wish to send him a card, the address is 815 NW Battaglia Ave., Gresham, OR 97030-5248.

And now for a little humor, with a touch of philosophy thrown in, to help your day pass with a little more fun:

- ☺ An easy way to make your water taste better is to simply add coffee. Problem solved.
- ☺ For Halloween this year, I was an old lady who keeps all the chocolate for herself. Brilliant!
- ☺ Sometimes all you need is a hug from the right person and all your stress will melt away.
- ☺ Being a Grandmother means your heart is no longer yours ... it wanders wherever your grandchildren are.

- ☺ I'm at the age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.
- ☺ Coffee doesn't ask silly questions. Coffee understands.
- ☺ They say money can't buy happiness, but I have a receipt from the bookstore telling a whole different story.
- ☺ Notes to myself:
 - Stop spending more money to get free shipping.
 - Your coffee is still in the microwave.
 - Don't throw the box with the directions away until it is 100% done.
 - Glasses are on the top of your head.
 - Wearing headphones does not make your farts silent.
 - Just because it pops into your head does not mean it should come out of your mouth.
 - Don't use your phone as a flashlight to look for your phone.
 - You are never going to remember to do that thing later. Do it now.
- ☺ I have a rather regular Tuesday ritual. I blow whatever diet I started on Monday.
- ☺ I don't care if you are a doctor, an engineer, or a rocket scientist; nobody gets the produce bag open on the first try!
- ☺ I gave up coffee once. It was the worst three minutes of my life.
- ☺ I did a DNA test and found out that I am 100% bookworm.
- ☺ I made it from the bed to the coffee pot. There is no stopping me now!
- ☺ I duck my head down while driving into underground parking garages to make my car fit, in case you wondered what kind of superior intellect I've passed down to my kids.
- ☺ Once upon a time, there was someone who really needed a glass of wine. It was me. The end.
- ☺ Short girls: People keep growing until they're perfect. Some of us didn't take as much time.
- ☺ A quiet man is a thinking man ... A quiet woman is usually mad!
- ☺ Having a dog named Shark at the beach was a big mistake!
- ☺ At my age, Happy Hour is a nap!
- ☺ Based on the amount of laundry I do each week; I am beginning to think there are some people who live here that I haven't met yet.
- ☺ My husband calls me "the bomb". I'm not sure if it's because I'm super sexy, or that I might go off any minute.
- ☺ Chocolate comes from cocoa, which is a tree. That makes it a plant. Chocolate is salad!
- ☺ On HGTV, people can flip a whole house in a month. Meanwhile, I've been "getting ready to vacuum" for a week now.
- ☺ Why must I prove that I am me to pay my bills over the phone? Do strangers call to pay my bills? And if they do, why don't you let them?

Calendar:

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

December 14 - 2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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Hello from Philly “Home of the Philadelphia Eagles! 🦅

Our meeting will be on the 13th of November. We look forward to seeing our fellow retirees. It's always nice to see and converse about old times at our luncheon.

Our Birthdays for November are **Harold Turney** and **William Vacca**.

December Birthdays: **Mary Acquarola, Tom Anderlonis, Joe Bradley, Frank Cappelli, Janet Gemsheim, Roy Gretto, John McLaughlin, John Prince, Vincente DeSante, and Al Caputo.**

Happy Birthday to all!

Hope everyone has a good month! See you next month

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

UTAH

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

WASHINGTON

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There is no report this month from the Emerald City Slickers chapter of RUAEA.

Our next gathering is planned for December 12th if we can secure a reservation at our usual venue: Angelo's in Burien. This will be our holiday party and more information will be in a Contrails email, which will be sent by **Dave Jones** available later this year. Speaking of emails ... be sure to check your Spam folder occasionally, as apparently **Dave Jones'** Contrails group email address was processed (by some recipient's computers) as junk and went into Spam.



LILAC CITY FLYERS

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

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

Washington, D.C.
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Summer vacation is over and now it is time to enjoy Fall. Fall and Spring are my favorite seasons. I love the crispness of the air and the gentleness of the breezes. For me, it is both calming and energizing.

Although I was not in attendance at our September meeting, I have received a full report from **Kerrie Schneider** who takes notes and writes a wonderful local newsletter for our members every month.

Kerrie has been an active member of this chapter since she retired from UAL in 2003. She was the Branch Manager of the United Credit Union at Dulles International Airport from 1967. Needless to say, Kerrie knows just about everyone that was employed at UAL/IAD during her tenure there. She met **Dutch Schneider** in 1968 and they have been inseparable since. Dutch was the Lead Ramp Serviceman at Dulles. He transferred in from Cleveland. After their lovely wedding, they had a son and daughter who in turn each had a son for Kerrie & Dutch to dote upon (in which they excel.) Hunter and Daniel are now 16 (5 months apart) but as babies until they were in kindergarten, their primary caregivers were Kerrie & Dutch when their parents were at work. Needless to say, a permanent bond was built and they are a tight family of 6.

Kerrie's favorite part of her job was meeting people. To this day, she is a people person! The saddest part of her job was when she was not able to help someone. It kept her up at night to not be able to solve each person's financial issue. She was so conscientious that she was named "Employee Of The Year" in 1997. (She won an all-expense paid trip to Chicago.) In 2014, Kerrie met one of the greatest challenges that she had known: Breast cancer. It was a time filled with the unknown: fear, doctors appointments and pain. It is remembered for the many kindnesses shown to her during that time and the hundreds of cards and letters that she received. She said that she has saved them all and rereads them regularly and that she is eternally grateful to all who were so kind during that trying time.

Their lives have not changed much since retirement. She and Dutch are both valued members of the Dulles Loungers. They travel a lot both by air and sea. One of their favorite places to visit is Alaska. But family and activities are always great for staying busy. Their most recent local event was the Fall Festival in Winchester, VA.

At our meeting in September, only 30 of our people were in attendance. It was a beautiful sunny day and I'm sure that some found some great summer sports that will soon not be available. **Kate Connelly** shared the details of her trip to Ireland. It was wonderful except the flight cancellations that made getting to and from that country difficult. Our President, **Carl Alford**, announced that he will be attending the RUAEA Convention in San Diego. **Mary Beth Collins** brought several items from Benita Bell's UUA collection of memorabilia. Benita is not well and has asked Mary Beth to sell them for her. The proceeds are to be donated to our chapter. The 50/50 raffle of \$28 was won by **Linda Scriven** and donated back to the group. Linda is always generous to our chapter and its members. **Sandra Eggleston** has returned to the chapter after a long bout of illness and many treatments. Welcome back, Sandee! I hear that she looked lovely as usual. I am sorry I was not there to visit with all of these wonderful people. When it comes to Friends, United Airlines is the gift that keeps on giving.

There have been too many months gone by without any communication with the Dulles Loungers. We are alive and well! We had no meetings in July or August and I was having further procedures to my neck in September. Now, all I have to explain is October, and I'm not sure where to begin. It was a great article, full of news and even an interview with **Kerrie Schneider**. I had poor Kerrie on the phone for over an hour. I waited until the last day (I am so ashamed) to finish writing the piece and conducting the interview. I was, though, oh-so-proud of it. After proof reading it, I pushed the send button. It was sent and it was gone ... into cyberspace. I truly don't know what I did wrong or how I did it. I gathered together a group of computer experts (3 of my grandchildren ranging in age from 10 to 17) and even they were unable retrieve the article. It was gone-and it was too late to rewrite. I was embarrassed and despondent, but I learned my lesson not to wait until the last minute. My apologies to Mr. **John Chu** and the entire Newsletter team and to those of you who look forward to reading these monthly updates, and yes, this old dog has learned anew that last minute is not the right minute at times!

Next month, you will receive an interview with **Kerrie & Dutch Schneider** who were happy to share with me the story of their wonderful careers with United Airlines. After that, I, hopefully, will be able to interview many of our members and introduce them to those who do not know them, and for those of you who do know them, maybe you will learn something new.

In September, our President, **Carl Alford** told us about having attended the Annual Reunion (Convention). It was his first, and he was very enthusiastic about his adventure. I'm sure this will become an annual event for Carl. The meeting was well attended and fun, as always. I, again, was not in attendance because of continuing health issues with my back and my neck. Some people have been silly enough to suggest this is part of the aging process. I am not aging and as long as my children lie about their ages, and as long as they believe my story that I had them miraculously at 10 years old, that is the story that I will continue to tell (and believe).

The latest news here is that our own **Dick Libby** took a serious fall recently and went into the hospital and now is in rehab. Get well wishes can be sent to him at 8906 Early Street, Manassas, VA 20110-2508.

A Memorial Service will be held for **DeeDee Bryce**, wife of **David Bryce** (IADCS) on December 16th at 11AM at the Presbyterian Church of Tom's River, 1070 Hooper Ave., Tom's River, NJ. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to **Jennifer Richards** @ (201) 242-9637.

Mary Beth Collins (IADRR) is doing well after a knee replacement. She is being kept busy with her physical therapy. Get well wishes may be sent to her at 1287 Auburn Grove Lane, Reston, VA 20194-1108.

Harry Rogowitz (IADCS) has received some bad news and could use some words of encouragement and support. His address is 3133 Hunt Road, Oakton, VA 22124.

Shirley Gallagher Keir (IADCS) misses her co-workers but is unable to attend meetings because **Bob**, her husband, has mobility issues. She would love to hear from her United family. Her address is 1696 Foxtail Pines, Charlottesville, VA 22911-8256.

At our November meeting, we were joined by first timers **Kathy Sutter**, **Peggy Tourial**, **Eileen Burton**, **Ann DeBearn**, **Lynda Dunn** and **David Bryce** (AKA Discount Dave). We are hoping to see much more of each of them in the future.

Ruth Blackwell, our resident artist, and local Goodwill Representative, donated many more of her beautiful paintings to the chapter to be sold to members of our group. The paintings went fast, and our treasury holdings grew exponentially. After our June celebration at the Bungalow Lakehouse in Sterling, VA, we were a bit concerned about having come close to depleting our treasury. But our members have come through amazingly. Ruth has repeatedly donated her beautiful paintings to be sold, **Marie Libby** has donated her exquisite hand crocheted Afghans to be auctioned off and several of our members have donated their portion of their winning 50/50 proceeds. Thank you to all for your selflessness and generosity. Our coffers are now healthy and we will be in good shape for our various charities, which we honor in November and December. Our November luncheon will be held November 8th and thanks to **Kerrie Schneider**, it will be attended by two young Marines who will have lunch with us and will gather and retrieve our many Toys For Tots as well as our annual donation. This is always a highlight of our year.

Barb Hipple was the winner of our 50/50 drawing. She generously gave her winnings back to our chapter. I'm hoping that I will win the 50/50 tomorrow so that I can happily keep my winnings knowing that our treasury is once again solvent.

Once again, I have relied heavily on **Kerrie Schneider**'s luncheon notes. Kerrie writes our local newsletter and has the ability to pay close attention to details ... thanks Kerrie, you are the best,

After tomorrow's luncheon our next meeting will be December 13th and always the 2nd Wednesday of each month. We have a great group and would love for you to join us for a great time.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS



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Oktoberfest! Bali Hai Polynesian Experience! These are only two of the many RUAEA Reunion highlights that were enjoyed by all the attendees at this year's Reunion. **Peggy Griffin** and **Roxine Lukens**, Clipped Wings National President and National Treasurer, had the pleasure of joining other RUAEA, RUPA and ARECA members at this annual event in San Diego in October. Connecting with UAL employees from all over the system was truly a notable memory for our members who were there.

Peggy and Roxine both commented on how wonderful it was to connect with flight attendants who are CW members and others who now are also interested in joining Clipped Wings! As retired employees of

UAL, it was such a joy to meet up with people we either Zoom with or read about in the monthly RUAEA newsletter! Thanks to all who made this Reunion a reality!

Clipped Wings has 27 Chapters and is a 501(c)(3) organization; our national philanthropy is Special Olympic Parent Grants. We would love to have any former, retired, or current United, United Express and Continental flight attendants join our great organization. Our website is unitedclippedwingsinc.org; find us on Facebook and Instagram (ClippedWings UAL) too.



NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **October 2023**:

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

- 1) Deceased's First and Last Name & Date of Death
- 2) File Number (if the deceased was an employee)
- 3) Last Station worked
- 4) Surviving Spouse or Next of Kin (if applicable)
- 5) Address

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

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

Retiree – **Lance, Albert G.**, on 10/31/2023, ORDMM, husband of Sandy Albert, 1515 N. Barrington Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Retiree – **Valela, Vincent**, on 3/5/2022, BDLFF, husband of Margaret Valela (deceased), 142 Oldefield Farms, Enfield, CT 06082

Letters & Notes



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

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

Charlene Anderson, Steven Borbely, Joseph Bradley, Denise Bunch, Beverly Conner, Maureen Curtis, Donald Dean, Jan Delmonico, Thomas Edwards, Roberta Fensch, Mary Ann Fitzgerald, Ardell Furuta, Gloria Glaeser, William Hamilton, Thomas Hassel, Helen Jordan, Tanya Haubein, Ole Jensen, Robert Kaczor, Les Kero, Lilly Kodama, Verna Lann, Ruth Larson, Herman Lewerke, Dorothy Reynolds, George Richter, Mary Robinson, Beverly Schenk, Sue Sealey, Jim Simon, Alan Stephenson, Shirley Telegdy, Uta Tipper, Tom Watkins, Irma Kay Weber, and Ronald Zimmerman.

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.)

Jack & Betty Tinney, 1743 Walnut St., Carnegie, PA 15106

Sorry I missed sending this in on time.

Jack fell down our steps on August 14th. He was in Mercy Hospital for 2½ weeks in the Trauma Unit. Then he was at a skilled Nursing Home until September 30th.

Now he is at a Memory Care nursing facility, called Apple Blossom in Moon Township. I hope things improve.

Thanks for reminding me.

Words of Wisdom

- It's not advisable to tell everything you know but it is best to know everything you tell.
- Men who give in if wrong, are wise. Men who give in if right, are married.
- Good resolutions carried out become good habits.
- Character is the sum total of the choices we have made.
- Minds are like parachutes, they only function when open

- Parents who are lucky in the kind of children they have, have children who are lucky in the kind of parents they have.

Notes

Kenneth Darrow

I just turned 95 and life is good. Everything is OK. We enjoy our trip to Hawaii for 3 months every winter. I appreciate RUAEA supplying information on travel and company news.

I don't hear much from people I worked with at SFOMM those forty years. It's great talking to **Corky Corcoram**, my lead mechanic at Terminal 1 Concourse B, every few weeks. Those were good old days. We couldn't get to the RUAEA Convention this year but hope to next year. Thank you United Airlines for the life you have given me and my family.

Svein Seljeseth

I really enjoy getting the Newsletter every month. It's interesting to see what's going around the system, and sad to see the names of those who are no longer with us. Thank you to all those who are involved in getting the Newsletter out to everyone.

Barbara L. Rothermal

I just came back from a two week trip to England and Germany to visit family and had a great time! I used miles for my husband and I to use Polaris one way. It was great to be able to lie down and also use the Polaris lounge in Newark once we got there.

Thanks for all your help with the newsletter, we really appreciate it!

John Vanderwest

My wife, Elizabeth, age 82, passed away last March 4, 2023. I was a Station Agent in Muskegon, MI from August 1961 to June 1964 (just after the Capital Airlines merger) when I transferred to Flight Operations and the pilot ranks. I served at ORDFO.

Norman E. Davis

I worked for United for 35 years at SFO as a Line Mech., Shop Mech. and Shop Inspector; I then transferred to PDS as a Line Mech. the last 14 years of service. I hired on in 1967. I am 80 years old and do not travel anymore and spend most of my time taking care of my 5 acres in Sandy, OR.

Richard M. Bishop

I made to 90 and am still kicking. I gave up my Harley last month and I am now riding a bicycle; I'm glad to be able to get still get around

Vincent Malena

Keep up the great work.

Cheryl Kinkead

I'd like to join RUAEA, I am a retired flight attendant from ORD and SFO.

Raymond Colavita

It's always great to hear from my fellow retired UALers!

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Douglas used technology from its DC-8 to save money, while Lockheed developed an entirely new plane using the latest technology. Lockheed's problem was that the L1011 cost much more than the DC-10, leading American Airlines to order the DC-10 rather than the TriStar. Despite losing out to Douglas with American Airlines, orders for the TriStar were placed by Trans World Airlines (TWA) and Eastern Airlines.

The L1011 made its maiden flight on November 16, 1970, and entered service with Eastern Airlines in April 1972. Ultimately, the DC-10 won the battle, and Lockheed stopped building the L1011 Tristars in 1984 after manufacturing 250 aircraft.

After a long history going back to 1927, Pan American World Airways (PanAm) began to struggle financially in the 1970s due to a rise in the price of oil. Pan Am thought it could ride out the storm by modernizing its fleet. In 1980, Pan Am began taking delivery of 12 Lockheed TriStars.

This proved challenging as the new airliner increased the airline's training and maintenance costs. By the mid-1980s, Pan Am needed to raise cash to offset some of its debts and began selling its slots at Narita International Airport (NRT) in Tokyo, Japan.

United Airlines was interested and made a deal that included several DC-10 and L1011 aircraft. The sale was completed in February 1986, giving United the Tokyo airport slots plus six Lockheed L-1011 TriStar's and Pan Am's Pacific fleet of Boeing 747SPs.

By 1986, United Airlines was flying to 13 destinations in Asia from its Narita hub.

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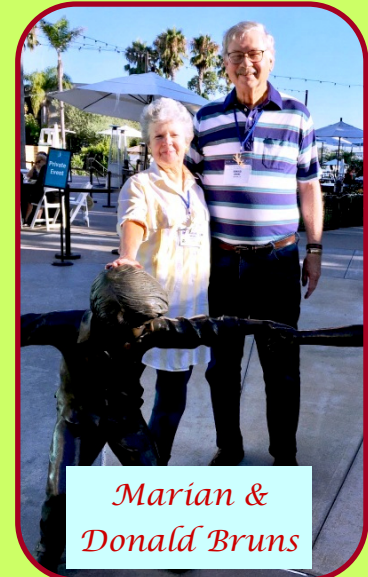
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