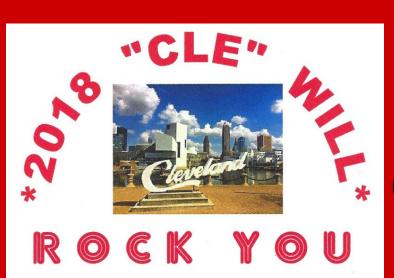


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Cleveland Airport
Marriott Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

SPECIAL EVENT FOR CLE INDIANS BASEBALL



Hey all you baseball fans, we have something special for you. How about a trip to Progressive Field to watch the Central Division rivals, Chicago White Sox play our Cleveland Indians? We have arranged this added event (not seen on our tour schedule) for the game on September 20th, start time 7:10 P.M. at the CLE Progressive Field.

The Touch of Class Tour Bus will pick you up at the CLE Airport Marriott Hotel at W. 150th Street. We have arranged for the bus to make 2 round trips to the stadium from the hotel. One departure at 5:00 P.M. and the other one at 6:00 p.m. This should be an approximate 30 minute ride each way. Anyone arriving back to the hotel from the Amish Tour will have the 6:00 bus available for their departure to Progressive Field. The right field gate opens at 5:00 P.M. and the rest of the field opens at 6:00 P.M. We need a minimum of 20 people. Your cost for transportation will be \$13.00 round trip per person, with 56 riders. However, more riders can be accommodated.

Also available are discounted baseball tickets. They are offering a \$57.00 ticket for \$40.00. These seats are located in the lower box seat section behind first and third bases. There is also a \$22.00 ticket for \$19.00 in the Family Deck section behind center field. All seats will be reserved.

A special registration form has been provided on **page 40** of this newsletter. If you are interested in attending the baseball game, please fill it out, with your name, phone number and e-mail address.

Please ensure you keep a copy for yourself. Also include the payment for your ticket, based on your seat location of choice and for your transportation. Your tickets will be added to your registration packet for pick up in CLE. Deadline to register is September 4th.

So pack-up your team tee shirts, caps and "Home Town Pride" and join us for a night of old fashioned base-ball rivalry! Don't forget, friends and family will have a great time too. As a guest of the stadium, Retired United Airlines Employees' name will be recognized, during the 4th inning on the jumbotron.

Carol Seifried Barb Vauls

GENERAL NEWS

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Note from Virgil Gooselaw Regarding Flight 93 Memorial Chapel



In the past we have placed notices and encouraged the membership to donate to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. A few months ago I received information, from other retirees, concerning the Memorial Chapel. There have been changes in focus from a Flight 93 Memorial to a church. When we first got involved there was a separation, but this is not the case anymore. RUAEA should not be supporting any religious entity, therefore last month I had our notice removed from the Newsletter.

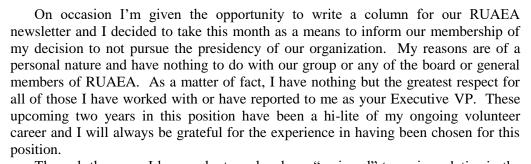
I contacted **Dave Voit** from the Independents Chapter in Philadelphia, PA advising him what had happened since Dave had volunteered to collect funds for the memorial. He subsequently did some investigation and came to the same conclusion - we needed to leave it alone. Since we pulled our notice, Dave is still getting donations and has requested that the Directors pass the word to the chapters not to

send Dave anymore Flight 93 Memorial Chapel donations. If anyone has questions please give me a call.

The National Flight 93 Memorial is located in the same area and something we can support. It's also a 501 (c) 3 and can accept tax deductible donations.

Virgil Gooselaw RUAEA President

Letter From The Executive Vice President



Through the years I have volunteered or been "assigned" to various duties in the world of giving and have never been disappointed in my decision to give it my all. I spent a few years with Search & Rescue in Sonoma county here in California and flew missions for them for 4 years. There are many stories I could tell about this endeavor which were both rewarding and sometimes tragic. These experiences were still well worth my efforts. I also served as Chairman for a group in Wisconsin known as CART or Citizens Against Rising Taxes which I held for 8 years. This political experience was a lesson in dealing with constant frustration but gave me the opportunity to learn how to deal with people that didn't share my points of view and yet be respectful and listen to their concerns with an open mind. I learned tolerance, patience and understanding which are probably some of the best lessons one can acquire during life. I served as Safety Officer for the Rohnert Park Unified School District in California for another couple of years and received the Volunteer of the Year award for my endeavors. I've also received the Officer of the Year award for my position as Lecturing Knight with the Elks Organization in Wisconsin during my 15 years of residence in that beautiful state. I was involved for a few years with an aviation magazine in the bay area titled as "Directions," where I wrote a monthly safety column called "Wingtips." I also wrote feature stories and met many interesting people and thoroughly enjoyed this experience. During some of that time I also served as an Accident Prevention Counselor for the FAA. I held safety seminars at various airports in Northern California and always felt that my presentations might have influenced good pilots to become great pilots through experience and knowledge of safety measures needed to experience longevity with their flying careers.

I've volunteered in many other positions in various concerns and as a former Director for our group in RUAEA. But rather than list all those positions and go on and on about myself, the simple fact to all of this is

that volunteering can not only be rewarding but very self-satisfying and meaningful to not only one's self but also to those that are served by your dedication. And so it goes without saying, that my experiences in years of volunteer work have been a great part of my life and my message is to encourage others to take this trip whenever an opportunity exists. Many of our chapters need leadership and help in keeping their groups current and a part of our RUAEA family and I certainly encourage and hope that our members will strongly consider volunteering in this regard. The difference you make for a couple of hours each month can be not only rewarding for yourselves but also for the continuation of your chapter as a great part of our organization.

As I now take this opportunity to re-retire, I want to thank all of you who have served with me on the Board of Directors and the many friendships that I've made during these past years of volunteer work and enjoyment. I am hopeful that RUAEA will continue to thrive, that membership will increase and new chapters will form to the benefit and pleasure for all. Thank you everyone for working with me and providing the meaningful, the enjoyable and the rewarding experience of having served with the very best. Hoping to see you all in Cleveland!

Jim Simon RUAEA Executive VP

<u>Having Trouble Switching Enrolled Friends for July-December Flying?</u> <u>Here is help From Kirk Moore!</u>



Retirees may change their current Enrolled Friends for July-Dec flying by visiting their Dependent Management System (DMS) screen; access it via FT > Travel > "Manage pass riders". The enrollment period ends June 28th at 11:59 PM CT.

- 1. Can't register a new enrolled friend? You have 4 Enrolled Friends listed in your DMS. Before you can add a new EF you must first remove an "INACTIVE" EF by clicking the purple "i" button to the left of their name. Then click "Remove Dependent" on the screen appearing below. Now add a new EF to your DMS by clicking the blue "+" sign and follow the 5 steps to "certify" them.
- 2. To add or change your Enrolled Friends for July-December: On your DMS screen, click the "Manage Election" link next to any Enrolled Friend's name (far

right) to view the Election page. Current Enrolled Friend(s) will already be checked for the next travel period. If you do not need to make any changes, no action is needed. Current EFs will automatically roll over on July 1. If you want to make changes for the next travel period you must:

- a. Uncheck current Enrolled Friends in the Jul-Dec column (far right) to leave that slot open to name someone later.
- b. Or put a check mark in the Jul-Dec column (far right) to any inactive EFs to fly July-December.
- c. Or add new Enrolled Friends to an available slot by clicking the plus "+" sign.
- d. Be sure to finish all the steps by clicking SAVE at the end of the process.
- 3. Don't know who you want as EFs for July-December yet? No problem, just uncheck your current EFs before June 28th at 11:59 PM CT; you may add Enrolled Friends to those empty slots later. Keep in mind that once a new travel period begins, your current Enrolled Friends that rolled over can be removed but cannot be replaced within the same travel period.

Remember: we only have two "current" Enrolled Friends at a time, but now we can change them twice per year. The next enrollment period for Jan – Jun 2019 Enrolled Friends opens Dec. 1 through Dec. 28. You'll follow the same steps by going to DMS and click on "Manage Election" next to any EF.

Want to learn more? Check out United's <u>Pass Travel Enrollment for Retirees</u> page on Flying Together which includes a step-by-step user guide on DMS and questions and answers.

Here is a direct link to the PDF: https://ft.ual.com/-/media/ual intranet/documents/travel/pass-travel-enrollment-for-retirees-user-guide.pdf?la=en

Still have a question? Use Help Hub to contact the Employee Travel Center.

Proposed Bylaw Changes To Be Voted on in September at the Convention



Bylaw proposed changes: Article VIII Term of Office, Article VII Section 15 Corporate Relations and Section 8 Directors (Appointment to do the Arrears List).

Please note changes are bold type, in italics and underlined.

ARTICLE VII Section 8 Directors (Elected)

The Directors, in addition to such duties as the President may assign, shall participate as members of the Board of Directors in planning & controlling the affairs of RUAEA. They shall also provide liaison with individual members and their respective Chapters, give advice, disseminate information received concerning RUAEA and the Company (UA), and other items of interest. They shall counsel emerging groups, recruit new members and officers, and generally promote the growth and activities of RUAEA. The area of coverage for each Director will be determined and assigned by the Board of Directors. They will remain in contact with their respective Chapters at least once a year, if feasible, or more if deemed appropriate by the President.

One Director shall be appointed to monitor the Arrears List that is published by the Membership Manager the first of each month. The Director shall send out a standard letter to any member in arrears stating that they have not paid their dues. (The monitoring of the Arrears List and action taken is an important task and must be consistently accomplished ASAP after the Membership Manager publishes the list)

ARTICLE VII Section 15 Corporate Relations (Appointed)

The person/s responsible for Corporate Relations <u>and Communications</u>, will be the liaison/s between United Airlines and RUAEA, and will establish a close tie at the corporate level regarding retiree matters <u>and information disseminated to retirees</u>. Will provide information as to decisions that may affect RUAEA members and their benefits. The representative/s will be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board, and report to the President.

ARTICLE VIII Term Of Office

The term of office for all officers and directors shall be two (2) years and thereafter until their successors are installed. In an effort to maintain experience and continuity, no more than five (5) Regional Directors will be elected in any single year. A onetime change to the By-Laws to stagger the election of Executive Committee Members by voting in the 2017 Business Meeting to extend the term of the VP-Conventions and of the Treasurer for one additional year, with their terms expiring in September 2019. Thereafter, their terms shall be for two (2) years. With the concurrence of the Nominating Committee, officers and directors may run for continual terms. Officers and directors may be nominated, elected and serve in another office even though their current term has not expired. Upon election to another office, the successful candidate may continue to serve in his/her current office or another office, thus holding multiple offices concurrently, with the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Board of Directors.

Invoices For Taxable Pass Travel From February 1, 2018, through April 30, 2018



Dear United retiree,

At the end of 2017, we began to collect any federal and state withholding taxes that apply to your pass travel income via quarterly invoices. The next invoice will be sent in June for any taxable pass travel from February 1, 2018, through April 30, 2018. Keep in mind, if you do not have any taxable pass travel during a particular fiscal quarter, you will not receive an invoice.

If your eligible taxable pass riders have completed pass travel, you will receive a quarterly invoice via the U.S. Postal Service to the mailing address United has on file. These invoices will request payment of the calculated withholding tax. You will need to pay the invoiced amount by check or money order to the address specified on the invoice, be sure to include your payment coupon from your invoice to ensure timely posting of your payment. Failure to pay an invoice may result in a suspension of your pass travel privileges until the invoice is paid.

It's very important that your mailing address is up to date. If you want to verify or make a change, use the "Update Mailing Address" link in the Detail Summary section of the <u>Dependent Management page</u>. Note: You

will be redirected to the Your Benefits Resources website to enter your changes. See the <u>W-2 pass travel tax</u> reporting and billing user guide to learn more.

Helpful resources ~ Visit our <u>W-2 Pass Travel Tax Reporting page</u> for a complete list of resources and tools including:

- → The announcement letter sent to retirees and early out participants
- → Frequently asked questions
- → A video tutorial of the changes in employeeRES
- → Quarterly invoice example
- → <u>User guide</u> with:
 - ➤ Sample screenshots of what you can expect to see in employeeRES
 - > Sample screenshots of the imputed income calculator
- → <u>User guide</u> of how to view and print your invoice from the Your Benefits Resources website Still need assistance? Contact the Employee Travel Center:
- → Use <u>Help Hub</u> to submit an inquiry
- → Call 1-877-UAL-ESC9 (from the U.S.) or 1-847-UAL-ESC9 (outside the U.S.)
 - ➤ Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time, 7 days a week
 - > Say "employee travel" then "travel questions" to speak to a representative

Changes coming to Mexico service



Over the last decade, United has doubled its capacity between the U.S. and Mexico, adding service to new leisure destinations and key business markets. But while United's Mexico network remains strong, customer demand on certain routes has declined and the flights are no longer financially sustainable.

As a result, United is adjusting flying to several cities throughout the country, including MEX (Mexico City), BJX (Leon, Guanajuato), QRO (Queretaro) and SLP (San Luis Potosi). Additionally, after careful analysis, United has made the difficult decision to discontinue service to HUX

(Huatulco), MZT (Mazatlán) and VSA (Villahermosa).

"Mexico remains an important piece of United's international route network," said International Network VP Patrick Quayle. "While the decision to discontinue service to these cities was a difficult one, United will continue to closely monitor demand for travel in the region and look for new flying opportunities for United customers."

Here is a summary of the changes coming this summer to United's Mexico service:

- → MEX (Mexico City): Effective October 4, United will increase EWR-MEX service to three times daily and will end service between LAX-MEX. United will reduce IAH-MEX service by one daily frequency starting August 20, resulting in six peak daily roundtrips. Effective June 23, United will no longer offer weekly Saturday service between DEN and MEX.
- → BJX (Leon, Guanajuato): United will continue to offer four times daily service between IAH and BJX, and introduce new daily service between ORD and BJX starting October 28. Effective October 4, United will no longer operate twice-daily service between LAX and BJX.
- → QRO (Queretaro): Effective December 19, United will increase service to four times daily between IAH and QRO.
- → SLP (San Luis Potosi): Effective December 19, United will upgrade IAH-SLP service from the 50-seat Embraer RJ145 to the 76-seat Embraer E175.
- → HUX (Huatulco): Effective June 23, United will no longer operate its Saturday-only service from IAH.
- → MZT (Mazatlán): Effective August 18, United will no longer operate service between MZT and IAH and ORD.

<u>Torgy's Travel Tips</u> – ft.ual.com = The New FlyingTogether Website



If you've accessed the FlyingTogether website recently you already know that it has a new, updated look and feel. It is mindful to remember that active employees need operational information at their fingertips so much of the main screen was designed to assist them on-the-job.

As retirees, we can find the information we need with a few simple clicks. Read along as I give you a good overview on how to access the most used portions of the website for retirees. It will be helpful if you read this while actually accessing the website so you can visually identify the location and access points herein discussed. (Please note: Mobile devices show slightly different screen designs. I will give some navigation tips for mobile devices at the end of this article.)

First of all, use the new shorter title to access the website: <u>ft.ual.com</u>, then sign on as usual. You will be greeted by a colorful screen with a personalized banner

across the top:

FlyingTogether 70° SEA Hi, Kathie ▼ Sign Out

△ MyWork EmpSvcs News OurAirline Travel ▼ Apps

Notice your home city, the current temperature, your name and lastly, the place to sign out on the top line. The next line contains the symbol for Home (a house) followed by 5 clickable topics: **MyWork**, **Employee Services**, **News**, **Our Airline**, and **Travel**.

At the far right of that line is where you can store/access Favorite pages you frequently use and lastly, the Apps symbol that currently launches the <u>Book Travel</u> app only, but will be expanded to other apps in the future.

Below this banner are features including Headline Stories, UA in the News, Operations Snapshot and Social News and Comments. There is a great, real-time map displaying domestic Weather/ATC delays in the Operations Snapshot section – great for us pass riders to keep an eye on when standing by.

At the bottom of the screen are the phone numbers you might need for assistance with anything from password resets to retiree benefits.

But if you're like me, I most often access the website when I want to travel, whether using a pass, purchasing a ZED fare offline or booking a confirmed UA reservation using the *myUAdiscount* program. All of these can be accessed by clicking Travel in the banner line. This topic drops down 4 columns:

Top Hits - Pass Travel - Programs&Policies -Tvl News

Clicking Top Hits reveals 6 choices, basically everything you need to list for UA flights, purchase a confirmed UA ticket using the myUAdiscount option, obtain an offline standby ticket, contact the Employee Tvl Center or get a refund. Every topic is clickable and you can navigate between screens by clicking a blue box titled: In This Section located in the upper right corner of each sub-topic or by using the △ Home symbol on the banner line. It couldn't be easier to find what you need, could it? (Well maybe it could, if you *bookmark* your frequently used pages by adding them to your ♥ Favorites. Located at the bottom line of each page is a command you can click that places that page into your shortcut index called ♥Favorites. The next time you want to access that topic, just click ♥ Favorites on the home screen banner line and choose your selection.)

If you need to add or change your Enrolled Friend, print out your pass travel usage report, or find answers to pass travel questions just click Pass Travel located next to Top Hits.

Information on types of travel, policies, trusted travel programs and Retiree pass travel is found in Programs&Policies.

Travel advisories and alerts from the CDC are located under Travel News.

Are you looking for Employee Discounts for cars, hotels, cruises, etc.? You will find these back in the banner line of the home screen under Employee Services. When the dropdown menu appears, click on Total Rewards, then View All or click In This Section.

If you are using a **mobile device** to access <u>ft.ual.com</u>, the home screen does not have room for a banner line. Instead, use the Menu header at the top left corner to drop down the header topics and then right arrow to open up the sub-topic. And strangely enough, there is no Sign Out command on the home screen for mobile devices! You will find it hidden inside the My Profile topic in the Menu dropdown. Go figure!

You might want to keep a copy of this information by your computer and another in your suitcase until you become accustomed to the new site. You'll be a pro in no time!

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 (<u>Note</u>: Rules for submitting an obituary notice is listed in the Obits section of this Newsletter), and in general, any item for inclusion into the current Newsletter. All items received after the 7th are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns,

please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



GULF COAST Ray (aka Reo) Owens 1855 Candlewood Dr. Navarre Fl 32566 myreo@bellsouth.net

Our chapter was towed in April 9, by VP **Bill Hayden**, for B-Check during a layover at hangar Naval Aviation Museum, "Cubi Point Café" NAS Pensacola, FL. Please joint us 2nd Monday of each month.

Initial inspection of tires was c/w by Harold Stofko, Jeanne & Norm Reinoehl c/w greasing flaps, Jessie Arnold checked out a write-up on PA system, John & Myrl Eisinger updated 5x7 work cards, Bill & Ann Delavan looking for m/m on entry door, Rich & Maureen Hurst ordering ground equipment, Chuck & Georgene Krewer changing center aisle carpet, Ray & Mai Owens cockpit transferring fuel, Barbara Serra c/w initial interior discrepancy, Ed Southworth, Rita Toucher, and Venetal Hale c/w engine work cards. Loss man power was President, Conrad Hamilton.

Alert notice was the changing of "Flying Together". Hoping for an update at the next check RON. Checkbreak, the monthly 50/50 Charity Raffle was run and won by **Barbara Serra**.

FAR guest was **Venetal Hale**, here's hoping she will joint our B-check crew.

Recognition to gate agent, **F. Williams**, ORD. If you are in the area give him a hand, an employee going above and beyond his pay scale. Thank You Farrell!

Area visitors please join our crew in breaking bread. Every 2nd Monday of each month, NAS Pensacola Naval Museum.

<u>2nd Report</u> ~ May 14, our chapter was loaded on an old 737-300. Just out of check from third party, comply with by **Joe** & **Monica Leonard**. Captain **Conrad Hamilton** at the seat with **Ed Southworth** assisting, **Bill Hayden** reporting aircraft ready for service flight.

Barbara Serra running the 50/50 reporting **Tommy** & **Sande Zander** traveled all the way from MSY to take the jack pot. Hoping it would help in gas money.

Jet jockeys **Bill & Ann Delavan** took their seats in first class wanting a drink before, **John & Myrl Eisinger** could open the drink locker.

While in the middle of the aisle blocking passengers from loading, **Ray** & **Mai Owens** were talking to **Kim Ray** about her trip to Vietnam. They learned it was a great trip and others should try it.

Captain Conrad reported even with the low cost of fuel on this 737, we are losing money with so few passengers. We are all hoping we will have more passengers next month with maybe some guests.

Second Monday of the month at Pensacola Navy Air Museum, Cubi Officers Club. Come one come all and enjoy our company.



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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We meet the second Monday of every even numbered month at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants and welcome all retired United Airlines friends and families to join us. Please call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Happy Fourth Of July! This is always a festive time with parades, community events, fireworks, and picnics with family and friends. Fly your American flag! It's a special time to celebrate our great country!

Our Re-United's Chapter is still meeting for Breakfast on the fourth Friday of each month all year round at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. We encourage our members to bring along a friend or relative that may be staying with you, or someone you think might be interested in joining our group. Perhaps there is a United or Continental person living in the area that may like to join us for Breakfast to see if it's something they may be interested in too. If anyone would like to come to our next Breakfast, please contact **Peg Snowdall**, our Vice President, to let her know you plan on coming to a Breakfast a few days ahead of time so she can contact the Manager of the restaurant and let them know how many to plan on. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317 or by e-mail at phomfeldt@cox.net.

At our last Breakfast on Friday, May 25, we had 13 people in attendance. We had to share the room we're normally in with other people as the restaurant had a lot of graduation groups and needed some of our room to accommodate their patrons. As a result, it was hard to hold a meeting, but Peg did her best and asked if anyone had anything important to share, and no one did. Peg did tell the group that Channel 12 News at 10:00 p.m., was doing a 5 part series on the Honor Flight, and Peg urged them to watch it; she reminded them that our member, **Bill Betz**, has been working that flight for several years, and how great it was.

We had a new couple who recently joined our Re-United's Chapter. They are **Melanie** & **Barry Lubeck**, who live in Mesa, Arizona. Melanie worked at GEG – ANC – SEA – and IAD. They will be gone this summer, but plan on seeing us in September. We look forward to seeing them this fall.

The RUAEA Convention in Cleveland, Ohio from September 18 – September 22, is coming up pretty soon. Have you made your plans to attend? The Convention is open to all members of RUAEA and other branches of the United Family. The hotel is the Cleveland Airport Marriott located at 4277 West 150th Street, Cleveland, OH 44135, just five miles from Cleveland Hopkins Airport. The cutoff date for hotel reservations by attendees must be received on or before 5:00 pm, Monday, August 27, 2018. The Marriott group rate includes free airport

transportation, breakfast for two people, complimentary self-parking, and 20% discount for attendees in AMP 150 for lunch and dinner (excludes alcohol, gratuity, and taxes). Must have your convention name badge on.

There are a number of great tours, if you are interested in, such as Nautica Queen Cruise, Hard Rock Rocksino, Progressive Wine Tour, Pro Football Hall of Fame, and Military Aircraft Museum. On Friday, Sept. 21, the RUAEA social event will be the "Cleveland Rocks", with a mixture of hors d'oeuvres; as well as a band will be included for your dancing and listening entertainment, co-hosted by the Alliant Credit Union. The RUAEA Banquet will be on Saturday, September 22nd in the Grand Ballroom. There will be signup sheets for tables of 10. The dress code will be Dressy Casual, Jacket and/or tie are optional. This is a three-course dinner followed by entertainment. All the signup sheets and information is located in the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter or you can find it online at www.ruaea.org. The deadline for Convention Registration is September 4, 2018. Don't put off making your decision to attend. It's always a fun time, and I guarantee you will be happy that you decided to attend!

We have the following birthdays in July of our members and/or spouses: **Paul Paymaster** (7/7), **Ted Higley** (7/9), **Pam Betz** (7/12), **Donna Smiley** (7/13), **Fred Rockenhauser** (7/14), **Barbara Hartough** (7/16), and **Pinky Kubiak** (7/27). Happy Birthday to all the July Birthdays! We have no known Wedding Anniversaries this month.

Calendar:

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

August 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert

September 18 – 22 – RUAEA Convention at the Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio



TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3^{rd} Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2^{nd} 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

CALIFORNIA

CENTRAL COASTERS

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This has been a quiet month of May for our Chapter. We did not meet this month and I have not heard any news from any of our members.

Our president, **Mike Zoldak**, did let me know that he was in contact with **Jack Cunningham** and he will try and get a ride to our next meeting. He also told Mike that he will be 99 years young.

Our June meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 21st, hosted by **Bob** & **Marcia Stanger**.

DESERT SUNBIRDS



Palm Springs Area Chuck Lamas P. O. Box 149 Palm Desert, CA 92261 (760) 772-5960 chucklamas@gmail.com

President **Mike Bailardo** took over hosting duties for the Desert Sunbirds in May. Our Luncheon was held in the Buffet in the Aqua Caliente Casino in Rancho Mirage.

Twenty seven members and three guests were in attendance: **Brad Zittel** brought "**T**" (that's it, just "**T**"), a Personal Trainer from Bali; **Louie Horvath**'s guest was **Fatih Hirka**, a Lufthansa employee; and **Flo Silvestri** brought her soon to be husband, **Bob Shilts**.

Al Beuchel and **Mark Kaplan** are on a "driving" vacation to various parts of Canada, accompanied by their dog, "Hansie". They drove east on the Canadian side of Lake Superior, overnighting on the embankment of the St. Lawrence Seaway, which connects Lake Superior to Lake Huron.

Starting home, leaving Quebec, they told me they were very impressed with Ottawa, which is Canada's Seat of Government.

Also on a "driving" vacation - **Merv Myers** and **Chris Noel**. They headed north through Oregon and Washington on their way, among other places, to Butchart Gardens in Victoria, BC.

The Birthday Lunch was won by **Marji Lamas**. The 50/50 tickets were selling like hotcakes, so we had three winners - \$50.00 each. The winners were **Sheryll Waiss**, **Flo Silvestri**, and her intended, **Bob Shiltz**.

Unfortunately, I was unable to find a volunteer for this month's Bio. We'll work harder to get one for next time.

GOLD DIGGERS

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The Sacramento Gold Diggers held their May 30th luncheon, hosted by **Ed** & **Shirley Vanderzyl** at the Chinese Buffet in Citrus Heights, CA. We want to thank them for hosting this month's luncheon.

President **Frank Dellinger** announced that we have 33 members present and 2 guests. Frank introduced guests **Phyllis McCoy** and **Otto Kenny**, guests of **Victoria Enriquez** and **George Taylor**.

Vice President **Penny Greenacre** was ill and **Terry Greenacre** announced in her place that our June luncheon will be held at The Sizzler Restaurant in Auburn, CA, and will be hosted by **Orville & Carolyn Harshbarger**. We have the remaining meetings of the year completely hosted. We will be in need of volunteers to host monthly luncheons in 2019.

Secretary Marji Gabert-Milam acknowledged the May Anniversaries: Terry & Penny Greenacre (56 years) and Harold & Colleen Esola (28 years).

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

Sunshine Lady Angie Dellinger did not have any new items to report.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** did not have any new items to report.

Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** was not in attendance.

Ron Bertacini encouraged all of us to sign up for the RUAEA convention in CLE in September. Make sure that you get reservations for the Marriott Hotel in to ensure availability.

Jim Simon reported that the DEN RUAEA office has now re-opened.

Frank Dellinger reminded us about the invitation from the Hangtown Miners' picnic lunch on June 11th with a deadline of June 4th to sign up. An email was sent out with the information to all of our members. If anyone needs additional information, please contact him.

Terry Greenacre, in place of Vice President Penny Greenacre conducted the May raffle.

HANGTOWN MINERS



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Ah, yes, the taste buds were lit up today! The Red Hawk Casino provides a room for us at their Waterfall Buffet. Any time you say "buffet" you know that the selection will be varied. Our Miners were able to select foods that covered breakfast, lunch, dinner, but, they also have a really delicious selection of Asian (everything from egg rolls to sushi) cuisine and their dessert choices are decadent! I would say that the 22 Miners who attended made a pretty good dent in the buffet. President **Bill Gibson** extended our thanks to **Dan & Roberta Ouchi** for setting up this favorite luncheon. **Nancy DeVore** brought her friend, **Gaynelle**. No anniversaries were reported for this month, however, my roster shows that **Jon & Alice Somplack** marked 38 years together. For Birthdays we found that **Nancy DeVore** and **Lindalee Akin** both had an extra reason to party this month. To our Thank You, we also say Welcome, Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary!

President ~ Bill Gibson brought us some information again this month. The info that Bill shares with the Hangtown Miners comes from various sources. RUAEA is a wonderful way for you to get current, pertinent and changing policies from United that will/can affect all of you as retirees. He also receives updates from Dale Harper. If any of you learn about something that would be helpful to other retirees, send Bill the info or a connection so he can get hold of it to keep us all updated.

Vice President ~ **Joe Lima** had no report for us this month.

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny reports that almost all of our members have paid their annual dues. We are giving those who are lagging behind in sending in their dues until our June luncheon at the Akin Ranch (June 11) to get their \$10.00 sent to Tom. After that their names will be taken off our monthly minutes mailing. Now, please don't take this as a "threat"! If you send your dues in after that time, we will, of course, happily put your name/email back onto my list (it's a good list!) and you will resume receiving all the great information we bring to you.

Tom reports that we received a generous check - \$226.01 - from BJ's Restaurant! Tom noted that filing for our tax-free status cost \$400, so this check, along with the one from last year, has almost repaid that amount! At this time our checking balance is \$912.20 but he has more to deposit.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have anything to "report", however I want you all to know that once we have a final "count" for membership in the Hangtown Miners, I will send out a current roster for our group.

Sunshine ~ No report from **Suzanne Kenny**.

Historian ~ **Thom Biro** was not at this meeting.

Old Business ~ While there was nothing we needed cover under this category, it was mentioned that "We're all **old business**"!

New Business ~ Nothing "new" here either!

Contributions ~ Bill Dinette asked if we could/would ever have our monthly luncheon/meeting on a day other than the second Monday of the month. Certainly! If you have a nice restaurant that you would love to share with our group but they aren't open on a Monday, you can schedule the lunch for another day. Just be sure to get the info to me ahead so I can have it in the minutes early enough for people to adjust their calendars.

Bill participated in the RUAEA golf tournament in Mesquite, NV. **Jim Dolan**, **JR Heier**, **Joe Lima** and **Dave Shaw** also went. Lots of fun.

Sherrie Wolfram mentioned that they were contacted by someone from a chapter in Florida who saw a familiar name, it turned out that they are not related, but it is a great way to try to connect with friends.

Bill Gibson asked if anyone was planning to go the RUAEA Convention this year and if so, would they be willing to represent him there. **Frank Dellinger** has covered for Bill before, but Frank took on the Gold Diggers presidency!

Nancy DeVore is planning to go this year and offered to represent Bill there – thank you!

Our next luncheon will be at the Akin Ranch in Placerville on June 11th. We will be extending an invitation to the Gold Diggers to join us again this year. We will hold our monthly raffle, so bring that special item you "just know" someone can't live without!

Bill closed our meeting and our raffle began. **Lindalee Akin** won the donator's prize. Thanks to all who brought items for our raffle: **Blazius** – plate; **Kenney** – bay with hot sauces/dart board; **DeVore/Craig** – bath

spa set; **Heier** – beer nuts; **Gibson** – crystal tree shimmer; **Akin** – eggs (x2); **Lima** – lotions; **Kozelka** – wine; **Wolfram** – wind chime; **Kenny** – decorative flag; **Dinette** – wine.

See you in June!



<u>RESANS</u>

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We are having a quiet month which can be a good sign. We have had our May gray and now June gloom will be settling in.

Breakfast this month is after this newsletter so I will fill everyone in on any news next month.

Paul & **Joan Zadrozny** will be celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary on the 19th. Our best wishes go to them and hopes that they have a great celebration!

Our June Birthdays are **Esther** and **Dan Cohen** on June 23rd and **Keith Newman** on June 24th.

Everyone should have received the June issue of the RUAEA Newsletter and all of the information to sign up for the upcoming Convention, September 18-22. The Cleveland Team has been working hard to make this a fun time for everyone. Look at the great tours they had arranged for us and don't wait too long to sign up as they will fill up fast.

This is all for this month. Come and see us if you are in the San Diego area.

Calendar:

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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President **Vera Kina** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and honored our Military and Veterans with a moment of silence. Next Monday is Memorial Day, those retirees attending today who are Military Veterans will get an American Flag with special thanks for their service. Many memories!

Interim Secretary (i.e., P.T.) **Ginger Dahlberg** read the April minutes, hooray, they were approved as read; anyone making corrections becomes the Full Time Secretary, so beware! Because of the date error in the last communication, post cards were sent out to those on the roster correcting our meeting date; it was a success as we had 3 UAL retirees (not members) join us as guests for "Brunch". It was good to see **Alberta "Cookie" McCrory**, **Minerva Campusano** and **Milanie Hacker**, hope you'll join us. Also good to see member **Mary Lou Hulsey**, don't be strangers y'all!

The next 3 monthly menus are as follows: Call Auditor Gene Walter, (650) 856-9738.

- > June 25, Hot Dogs, 'Tater Salad and other goodies Members \$8.00 / Guests \$11.00
- ➤ July 23 BYOBL, Bring your own bag lunch, Bingo too
- August 27, Pizza, Salad and fixins', Bingo also

Treasurer **Art Barrett** sez we are solvent, he even sent in the Tax-990 forms to the IRS on-line. Thanks for keeping us on the straight and narrow.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** and hubby, **Jerome**, were unable to attend as they have volunteered to work at the Voter Registration Center, get out there and <u>vote</u>! Ginger stepped in and reported: Missing from our ranks are **Bob** & **Donna Taiclet**, they have moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to be close to family; and **Don** & **Dorothy Reuszer** will move shortly to Idaho, health issues necessitates being closer to family. Stalwart and loyal members who have given their time and energy to our group for years. We will truly miss them, thank you, and thank you! **Mary Hughes** needs some cheering up, cards are welcome. Feel

better Mary, you are in our thoughts. Longtime member **Veronica** "**Ronnie**" **Errichson** passed away, she was 95. Ginger attended the memorial service, the organist and soloist paved a Heavenly way for her trip. Birthdays galore: **Margaret Reelfs, Ben Vietz, Charlie Bogert, Jan Pietrzyk**, and **Lydia Rolfe**, not a one offered their ages! Marching down the anniversary aisle: **Gene & Carol Walter** with 54 years and **Charlie & Rosemary Bogert** with 31 years of wedded bliss. Congrats to you all. It was wonderful to have **Ben Vietz** back in the fold, he flew the coop for a medical regime that lasted too many weeks, leaving him weak but still keeping his sense of humor afloat.

The Auditors, **Gene Walter**, **Ben Vietz**, welcome back - and our newbie, **John Bogdanoff** will have signup lists for the June and August luncheons. Call Gene to let him know you will attend.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** recapped the 2018 trips. Interest lists are available (last months' newsletter had a current listing) call or email Ginger. A fun filled 2 days up in the Gold Country, and a rousing Calaveras County Frog Jumping Jubilee, y'all missed a good one. Our frogs made the headlines (in the throwaway newspapers, that is,) **Art Barrett** and his frog "**Jacks Jumpin**" / **Linda Barret** and her frog "**Jeremiah**" / **Jan Pietrzyks**' leaper was "**Spanky**" / **Margaret Reelfs** and her "**Hoppy Days**" / and **Gingers**' cute girlie frog "**Phibian**" (her first name was Am ...)

Historian Jim Goodwine was out gallivanting around (again), Helen was tagging along too.

Ticket Coordinator Harriet Kunze gave away our 25%/25% to Bill Heinrich and Pete Cooper.

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

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Calendar:

June 25 – Summer is here so it is Hot Dogs, Chips, 'Tater Salad and fixings'.



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Our chapter's summer picnic will occur after the deadline for this newsletter so will be reported on next month. We're looking forward to a great time together on June 12!

President **Bob Devlin** announced that the American Legion, of which he is involved, collects used and tattered U.S. flags so they can be disposed of properly. If you are looking for a place to dispose your flags, contact the American Legion in your area.

In May we lost two long-time members of our chapter. We were hoping **Bill Copley** would return to our Friday morning breakfasts after the loss of his wife last year. He always contributed to our humorous story and joke time at the end of our breakfast meetings. Unfortunately, he also started experiencing some health challenges and passed away in May. It was shared that Bill had been a mechanic for the Navy Blue Angels in the 1940s even before the acrobatic team was founded. Neat! **Don Nessling** passed a couple of days after having some minor tests completed at a local hospital. It was quite unexpected. At 96 he was the oldest member of our chapter who continued to attend our weekly breakfasts. His daughter Donna was very faithful in bringing him each week as he so looked forward to his time with us. His mind was very sharp up to the end. Don started with Pennsylvania-Central, then Capital Airlines. At United he was highly respected for his skill and dedication as an aircraft mechanic and his proudest career accomplishments were being named mechanic of the month in June 1966, mechanic of the year for 1966, and creating a prototype for a module for the DC-10-747. Our condolences go out to both families in the loss of their Dads.

Summer is now upon us. Yay! We were thankful at the end of May to finally be having some nicer, warmer weather. Prior it seemed more like Anchorage, Alaska during their summers—chilly and overcast much

of the time. Don't get me wrong, I love Alaska! It's just normally a little warmer and sunnier here during springtime.

Our local Bay Area Golden State Warriors basketball team is fighting it out with the Cleveland Cavaliers for this season's championship title. Of course, we're rooting for the Warriors! They've won three games out of seven and we're hoping for the last game to be won sooner than later. So far, no other team has come back from a 0-3 loss to win the title.

Lloyd Eber conveyed an interesting tidbit during one of our breakfasts. While attending college at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Lloyd met one of his lifelong friends, Clyde Parmentier, a descendant of Antoine-Augustin Parmentier [d. 1813] who is remembered as a vocal promoter of the potato as a food source for humans in France and throughout Europe. The potato had been introduced from South America to Spain during the 16th century. Serving as an army pharmacist during the Seven Year's War, Parmentier was captured and held prisoner in Prussia and he was faced with eating this new ingredient. He experienced great challenges introducing potatoes as a common food but it was gradually recognized as an acceptable substitute for wheat flour and staved off famine in Northern France during a wheat crop failure in 1785. He made many other contributions to nutrition and health during his life as well.

Another item of interest shared by Sunshine Lady **Maureen Snyder** was that she was in a Mike Myers (of Saturday Night Live and Austin Powers fame) film in 1993. How about that! The movie "So I Married an Ax Murderer" was filmed in San Francisco and she was asked to play an extra. Hubby Dave and I caught glimpses of her in a couple of scenes while watching the movie recently.

Now that we have the particulars for this year's RUAEA Conference in Cleveland as lined up in the June newsletter, we can start making plans. The dates are: Tuesday, September 18 through Saturday, September 22. We hope to see you there!

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

Calendar:

June 12 – Summer Picnic, Vasona Park in Los Gatos

SAN JOAQUINERS

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Latif's Restaurant in Turlock was the location of the May San Joaquiner's luncheon on May 10th, and was hosted by **Bobby** & **Eleanor Woods**. President **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business consisted of a discussion concerning our November and December meetings. Since no one has volunteered to host the November meeting (November 8), a proposal has been put forward for the group to attend the Sierra Reparatory Theater production of "Away in the Basement", a comedy starring the church ladies who have been stars of other church related comedies. Sierra Rep is a volunteer reparatory group, often with professionals in various roles and is quite highly rated. The idea is that each would pay for their own ticket (although if 20 or more sign up the group rate will apply). This would be a great opportunity to bring prospective members, friends, or family to meet and enjoy our group.

The December meeting has traditionally been at least partially hosted by the chapter officers. The proposal is to hold it at The Fruityard in Modesto. Their prices have gone up, so estimated price would be \$21.00, and we need 30 people to sign up. I do not know if, or how much, the Officers/Chapter would contribute.

New Business gave us a report on the UAL employees/retirees living on the Big Island in Hawaii with the volcano threat. So far, all we are aware of are in the clear. Our prayers go out to those living there.

Hans Weber did some recent travel on UA to Europe and updated the group on recent on-board service changes on UA.

We wished a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and grand and great grandmothers in our group.

President Bob reminded the group of the RUAEA Convention in Cleveland September 18-22 as well as the Mechanics reunion in Minden, NV June 19-22 at the Carson Valley Inn and RV Park.

Treasurer **Rudy Reyna** provided us with the Treasurer's Report showing all monies received in April deposited, and all bills paid, with a balance of over \$800.00 in our treasury.

Birthdays celebrated were for Hans Weber and Pat Scoble. We had no anniversaries to celebrate.

Bobby & **Eleanor Woods** held the usual raffle, to the enjoyment of all present.

Our next meeting will be June 14th at Strings Italian Restaurant in Jackson. Please RSVP to **Bob** & **Joy Blair** as soon as possible.

We would like to issue an open invitation to anyone living/visiting in our area to join us. We meet for lunch the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is Thursday, June 14, but, since we meet at various places, you can call our President **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 for information.

President Bob closed the meeting thanking all who attended and wishing all a safe journey home.



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Our June picnic meeting was held on Monday, June 4 at the home of **Diane Griego** in Concord. Diane's spacious yard, with lovely plants and beautiful trees, is the perfect venue for entertaining. It was like being in a private park! We had 24 members in attendance. It was wonderful to see **Poldi von Muhlfeld (Uribe)** who attended for the first time, and we look forward to seeing her at future meetings too. (Note: Poldi came because a current member invited her. If you would like to see your chapter grow, please encourage all your members to invite a former coworker to a meeting).

Jan Soderstrom and **Wilma Leather** acted as cashiers. Social hour started at 11:00. We had a delicious catered lunch from Back Forty Texas BBQ with green salad, potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob, chicken and ribs. For dessert, we enjoyed chocolate cake decorated with "Welcome United Retirees" and ice cream. **Joe Leather** conducted the raffle. **Glenda Kennedy** won the 50/50 raffle. Several members donated a nice selection of wine as additional raffle items.

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

Monday, July 2 at 11:00. Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.

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



CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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The North State has been blessed with beautiful weather for May and the first part of June. Not too hot! Not too cold!

The Northstaters had a great meeting/luncheon on May 23rd at one of our favorite restaurants, Mill Creek Café in Los Molinos. President **Merritt Odor** called the meeting to order and thanked **Bill** & **Sharon Simonton** for setting up the luncheon. We had 16 retirees, spouses and 2 guests. We were so happy to have **Francis** & **Veronica Domaratius**, the RUAEA Newsletter Manager, join us.

Merritt asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries. Vanessa Pratt will be having a birthday in June and Merritt & Klaren Odor will be celebrating their anniversary. Sharon reported that Charlotte Puryear is doing quite well and has moved into an assisted living facility called Sunshine Cottage in Paradise. It is with sadness that I report of the passing of Walter Grundherr. Walter worked for Swiss Air and he and Vreny were introduced to the Northstaters by John & Chris Isbell. They were always such a joy to have at the meetings. Vreny will continue to join us and we are so happy to have her smiling face.

Merritt Odor thanked **Kent Jorgensen** for his presentation on the Ham Radio Operation at our last meeting.

Billie Jorgensen led a discussion concerning different organizations that we as a group might consider contributing a small amount of money. The group decided to table these discussions for our next meeting due to a smaller turn out of members at this luncheon.

Merritt led a discussion about a trip to Lake Almanor this summer to **Kent** & **Billie Jorgensen**'s home at Lake Almanor. August 29th was the date decided and details of this adventure will be coming at the next meeting.

Francis & **Veronica Domaratius** gave a brief presentation. He is the Newsletter Manager along with a lot of help from Veronica, his wife. The internet allows them to do the newsletter from their home in Roseville. They are still part of the Denver office.

Membership is declining and no election for the RUAEA officers will happen this year because volunteers are not stepping up to participate in these important jobs.

If any of the retirees have an issue that cannot be resolved, there are two people that are now advocates and will try to get answers to any problems. **Don Burbank** and **Ed Tolle** have volunteered to be the liaisons with United.

The newsletter is a major expense of RUAEA. Again it was mentioned that RUAEA used to get a list of recent retirees and obituaries from United but no longer get this information. In doing the newsletter they noted from conversations with other chapters that not all chapter members are involved with RUAEA. It is not required to be a RUAEA member; however, the information that is provided is well worth the cost.

Both Francis & Veronica would like anyone that has some news that would be important or interesting to the retirees across the country to submit an article.

Merritt thanked Francis & Veronica in taking time out of their busy schedule to come to our luncheon and share these ideas.

Linda Delanev won the 50/50 raffle and **Bill Simonton** won the lunch certificate.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25th in Chico at Foodies Café next to the Chico Airport. **Billie Jorgensen** has offered to set up the luncheon as well as a tour of the Chico Air Museum.

Calendar:

July 25 - Wednesday, at 11:30 AM. We will me at Foodies Café in Chico and tour the Chico Air Museum. **August 29** - Wednesday Lake Almanor at **Kent** & **Billie Jorgensen**'s home. Details to be announced.

SOLANO FLYERS

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Our meeting location was at Denny's Restaurant in Vacaville on May 9 ... and it was not a pleasant experience for our group.

Few months back, we had previously made a reservation at Denny's, only to find another smaller group in the reserved room ... that month we relocated our meeting to City Bar & Grill.

At a later date while shopping in town, one of the waitresses stopped me to apologize for Denny's manager's failure to write and secure our reservation on the calendar, as she noted that tips are part of their salary, and they appreciated our large group.

With her apology I returned to the group and was decided to overlook the past reservation mistake and so reserved the room for the May 9^{th} meeting.

Well, another let down ... arriving May 9, our supposedly reserved room was again occupied by a small group.

It was decided to remain at Denny's in the overflow area which was noisy, much foot traffic, by the cashiers station, not conducive for a meeting.

Denny's is now off the location meeting list.

In the over flow area we find President Deno Poolos, Robert & Michiko Allen, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Frank Uhl, McKinley Nelson, Louis Pell, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Pad & Eileen Gardner, James Ellison, Robert Zirzow, Jack Hornfischer, Eugene Boyce, Jamie Schwafel, George & Joan Sturges, Charles Johnson, Allan Pochop, and guest Larry Jackson.

It pays to be a winner and **Jack Hornfischer** proved that by holding the winning 50/50 ticket.

Calendar:

June 13 – Meeting at BJ's Brewery, 190 Nut Tree Pkwy, Vacaville.

July 11 - Meeting at Foster's Bighorn Restaurant, 143 Main St., Rio Vista.

COLORADO



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Vice President **Gary Trujillo** opened meeting with 24 members in attendance. He reminded us to bring our aluminum for recycle as it provides income so we don't pay dues. **Tom Goodyear** takes the aluminum to the recycle center for us.

The 50/50 winners who returned their winnings were **Marv Berryman** (DENTK), **Ray Shoultz** (DENMM), **Rich Conner** (DENMM), **Matt Ohr** (DENMM), **Douglas Colbert** (DENCG), **John Fleck**, and **Ed Moore** (DENTK).

We voted that the July 7th breakfast will not be an official meeting due to Wings over the Rockies meeting the following Saturday, but anyone is welcome to meet for breakfast at Ted'z Place.

We need 50 attendees to break even for Wings over the Rockies. **Kathy Sibley** is in contact with Continental to keep us up on final count. It was noted all information is in the newsletter and on Virgil's email. If Virgil doesn't have your email, get it to him or read the newsletter. Get checks into **Martha Gooselaw** and make sure you have your file number written on the check.

The vote regarding the move back to TK cafeteria was postponed indefinitely due to the tech center still doesn't have inside restrooms and parking is far away.

Virgil reported that the Flight 93 memorial chapel in Shanksville, PA is having some problems and recommends we no longer support them. Also we might want to get back into donating to the fund for the National Memorial "93".

Charlie Hassler is now home after his accident and rehab.

Tom Goodyear is in rehabilitation facility after his surgery. He is in Advanced Care of Aurora, 1800 South Potomac Street, Aurora, 80012. Phone number is (720) 213-1799 and his room #729. Tom is welcoming visitors. Cards can be sent to his home, 9341 East Jewell Circle, Denver, CO 80231.

Jim Spate was in the hospital with pneumonia, bronchitis and irregular heartbeat.

Our next RUAEA Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 4th, at 9am at Ted'z Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52nd Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

FLORIDA

THE CITRUS GROUPERS THE VILLAGES



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Submitted by Kathie Faust

Our monthly meeting and luncheon was held Thursday, May 24th at the Waterfront Inn in the Villages. There were 10 in attendance and **Joe Di Staso** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then a short meeting with everyone given a chance to voice anything new or concerning to them. Joe gave us some new information on companion travel.

Treasurer **Joan Brandonisio** reported we have \$243.00 in the bank. She also won our 50/50. Welcome back, Joan, we missed you.

This is our last meeting until September. Everyone is busy during the summer traveling and entertaining guests. This is a fantastic place to visit.

Our past President **Tita Dumagsa** had a beautiful new home built in the Village of Fenney. She welcomed all of us for a house warming on Friday, April 13. She was a wonderful past President and did a lot for our group. Her beautiful home shows her dedication to details. She served a fantastic lunch which everyone enjoyed. She is waiting for her niece to join her for some overdue medical attention she will be undergoing. We all wish her the very best.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our friends in Omaha, Nebraska, the Omaha Goldenears United Retirement Group for all your prayers, good wishes and cards for my husband Bob who died January 4th. He worked in Omaha for 40 years. You were his United family and he loved you all. Also all our good friends in the Citrus Groupers for your support, prayers, cards and good wishes. He loved hearing from all of you. Thank you all.

A reminder that our next meeting and luncheon will be in September, Joe will advise us when and where. Have a great summer stay safe and healthy.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact President **Joe Di Staso** at wopahofl@comcast.net.



SAND"DABS"

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It was a great turnout today in Daytona! 16 Sand"Dabs" joined together for the pledge and prayer and the usual dose of humor by our President, **Dick Coughlin**. We heard from **Emily Veracka** and **Penny Logan** that they were sorry they were unable to attend today. Best wishes to them both! And we welcomed back **Dave** & **Marian Wickersham** hopefully for many months to come.

We didn't have any birthdays to celebrate but congratulations are in order for **Bud & Karen Gammill** and **Herb & Molly Gardner** who were celebrating their wedding anniversaries. Finally, **Gloria Marcantoni** was hired by UAL 50 years ago this month.

The 50/50 was won by **Marian Wickersham** who generously donated her winnings back to the treasury. Thanks Marian! With her donation and another donation from **Anne Johnston**, we rounded off our treasury so that next month we can make our selections and have an even amount to distribute. Treasurer **Frieda Coughlin** provided a list of the charities we have donated to in past years and next month we will vote for whom we'd like to support.

Also **Frieda Coughlin** said that we have many years of records in the Treasurer's folder and asked for the group's permission to reduce the amount to 3 years. That was passed unanimously and then **Gloria**

Marcantoni asked if we could reduce the Secretary's binder to 3 years of minutes as well and agreement was reached.

Dick Couglin shared his UAL report which included some new routes, and the fact that United has the most female pilots in the industry. We also discussed some new drinks being offered onboard and the new United Website. So far, the reaction was positive.

Calendar:

July 5 - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL **August 2** - Same as above

THE ORLANDO REAL McCOYS

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The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1pm at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Coming up – June 5^{th} and July 3^{rd} .

THE SAND DOLLARS

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Twenty-three Sand Dollars showed up in good spirits to enjoy a great lunch at Miller's Ale House in Sarasota, FL. Everyone was determined to make the most of this, our last luncheon before shutting down for the summer. Our next meeting won't be until October, when most of our "snow-bird" members start returning from their northern homes and travels.

Ginger Hyde led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then made her announcements using her new bull-horn. She came over loud and clear, and we're quite sure that when she set off the siren option, it was just to show us — and the other restaurant patrons that she knew how to use it in case of an emergency!. Well done Ginger! She announced that Harvey & Vivian Rucker were unable to attend as Harvey had a doctor's appointment to check whether he might need surgery, which would delay their trip back to Virginia for the summer. Betty Woods-White had planned to attend but had to drive her husband to the airport so he could attend a close friend's funeral. It was nice to have Ken Bauman join us as he has been missing most of the season.

Joanne Wasser's name was pulled for the attendance drawing. You must be present to claim the prize, and she and her husband Russ were present. In the 50/50, 1st prize went to **Alice D'Souza**, 2nd prize to **Paul** & **Shelly Grossman**, and 3rd to **Katie Heasley**.

We extended special congratulations to **Bob** & **Shirley Adams** who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 14th.

Russ & Joanne Wasser were happy to tell us their granddaughter has been chosen to play soccer for a professional team in Finland, and while there she will be an Au Pair to a Finish family with four children. She is only 21 years old, so they are justifiably very proud of her. These sorts of adventures make us all proud of our young people. Alice Parker brought in a photo of her 30 year old granddaughter, Blair, taken in Chicago at an event with Oscar Munoz. Bill Phillips told us his wife Inge was not with us as she was on a tour of Taos, NM and surrounding area. We were glad to have Shelly Grossman back with us as she had to miss last month's luncheon.

Our next luncheon will be in October, and we meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May. We welcome any visiting retirees or anyone who is thinking of moving to our beautiful area of Florida. For information, call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at: drjekyl.hyde@aol.com.

.... asking a working writer what he thinks about critics is like asking a lamppost how it feels about dogs.



TAMPA BAY CHAPTER

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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Monday, June 4th with 9 members in attendance. Our meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Reports - Treasurer and Secretary were read.

I received a card from Terri Breslin - was happy to hear from us. A card will be sent to Peggy Manuel.

Trips: Frank & Helen Kacer were in the Chicago area for their son's wedding. Robert & Janis Lindstrom went camping at St. Andrew's State Park.

We also discussed UAL news. The meeting was adjourned with lunch and 50/50 follow.

Calendar:

July 2 – 10:30 IHOP - Trinity, FL - on RT 54 **August 6** – 10:30 IHOP - Trinity, FL - on RT 54

TREASURE COAST

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June 5th, thirteen members and one guest gathered at Duffy's South Stuart. President **Al Popek** led everyone in the Pledge Of Allegiance. He had members, **Gene & Fran Student** introduce their delightful grandson, Austin (nearly eight years old). They can be very proud of his manners and warm personality. He made it a point to shake everyone's hand and hugs on his departure.

Our member, **Jim Morehead**, is seriously ill in a Ft. Lauderdale hospital. Our prayers and hopes for a speedy recovery go out to him. "**Dinos**" **Xifaras**, still recovering from a serious auto accident in February, is unable to join us just yet. Our thoughts are with other members unable to attend meetings. We hope to see you again in the near future.

Al & Janice Popek just returned from a Bahamas two-day cruise on The Classica to celebrate their birthdays. Their children, feeling bad for them, gave them the gift. Since the recent heavy rains and flooding in Stuart, the Popeks have been, until recently, without the ability to do laundry, take a hot shower, run the dishwasher or flush! We do take these everyday chores for granted. They are still waiting for a new roof prompted by last year's hurricane.

Sharon Kirk and **Barbara Dodenhoff** have returned from their restful cruise, much needed after her son's wedding. Even though their Caribbean cruise took them through some rough waters and was unable to tender in the Dominican Republic, they had a fabulous time.

Bob Langevin and **Sandy Ruggiero** are back from their 2½ week trip to Italy. They were pleased to have traveled in business class both ways and tried out the Polaris experience. They raved about the train travel over there as well. Sandy actually has cousins there that they were able to socialize with. Their next adventure is an Alaskan cruise next month.

Gene & Fran Student also had a trip to Italy. It was not without stand-by, listing issues. But, the wonderful wine and chocolate tastings kept their spirits up. Before Gene attempts to climb another mountain, he intends to check whether there is an aerial tram available. Oops! Fran has a niece studying over there that they were able to meet up with.

Diane Brodis has been very busy caring for husband, **Ron**, and his mother. As many of us have experienced, caregivers take on a huge task. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.

Jane Kerr is on a driving trip to New Jersey. Luckily, she had a friend to pick up in South Carolina on the way to accompany her and help her with the sale of her property there. When she returns she intends to downsize here as well. Safe Travels, Jane!

President **Al Popek** shared that our chapter is one of the fastest growing chapters in Florida now. We have 44 members coming from as far North as Vero Beach and as far South as Ft. Lauderdale. He reminded everyone that retirees can now change their travel eligibles twice yearly.

Due to many members being unable to attend a meeting in July, it has been cancelled. We will meet again in August. Al wished everyone a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

Birthdays in June include **Janice Popek** (1st), **Ron Brodis** (12th) and **Fran D'Amico** (21st). Anniversaries: **Frank & Mary Jane Wise** (11th) and **Arnie & Dee Lakso** (20th). Cheers to all.

Calendar:

July 3 - Meeting Cancelled August 7 - Luncheon/Meeting Duffy's South Stuart 12:30 September 4 - Luncheon/Meeting Duffy's South Stuart 12:30

HAWAII

HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3^{rd} 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!



PAU HANA KUPUNA

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

IDAHO

BOISE GEMS

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Joe & Joan Varady are planning to move from Garden Valley, Idaho to Boise, Idaho if they can sell their house. "We can't take the winters anymore in the mountains! We will miss the beauty, but will go back in the summer to visit!"

Lois Rodriguiz from Beautiful Boise, Idaho ~ "Hello All! Life is good here!" Louise Duvall ~ "Spending a beautiful summer with my daughter and family in Powell River Canada for July and August." Shirley & Rick Dempsey ~ "Just returned from a wonderful trip to Texas. We saw Rick's brother in San Antonio. The BBQ food there was the best ever! Even at a gas station was Rudy's BBQ. In Austin we toured Lady Bird Johnson's Wildflower Center. This was just beautiful. Our last stop was Dallas for Shirley's cousin's daughter's wedding. We had a great time at this beautiful wedding. Definitely will be back to Texas even though their traffic is horrendous!"

Other members in attendance were **Bob** & **Palmer Sarnoff**, who are expecting college friends from St. Louis this month, planning going to a luau and making ho'olaulai's (sounds good)! We are always glad when **Denny Snyder** chooses us above his plane! **Shirley Perkins** and **Bud** & **Pat Peters** also joined us. David & I went camping last month in our RV, with another trip shortly.

Calendar:

Our next meeting will be in August, to be chosen by a member.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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July—June's over? Julyin'! Yes, I used that last year, but I think it's funny. So onto our fireworks, flag waving and parade month. Thank God, we're Americans and have a great love of our constitution, country and all the brave people that helped us get here. It wasn't easy, if you remember History classes, but here we are. It always amazed me that both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the same day, July 4. The true forefathers of our country, and they met their maker at the same time. The French were so impressed with our Revolution; they had their own on July 14. They added the guillotine, drama queens ... had to outdo us. Remember Madame de Farge, in Tale of Two Cities? It is ice cream, blueberry and picnic month. On the other hand, it's an unlucky month for weddings. Ha!

Fifty years ago, in 1968, seems like yesterday, was one of the most historic years in modern history. The assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, the Viet Nam War was dividing the country, Apollo 8 orbited the Moon, showing a most dramatic picture of the earth from space on Christmas Eve, the turbulent Democratic Convention in Chicago, Liz and Dick married after their tempestuous affair during 'Cleopatra', bye bye, Eddie. For us, the introduction of the Boeing 747 was a story of love that just ended last November. For some of us, it will always be our first love. Speaking of movies, the most popular were, Bullitt, 2001, Rosemary's Baby, The Lion in Winter, The Odd Couple, Funny Girl, Planet of the Apes, and The Yellow Submarine. Fifty years? Impossible! Boy, we've lived through a lot of history.

We expanded our Skyliner membership guidelines to include all former employees of United, Continental, and United Continental Holdings, Inc. Also included are other airline retirees, their spouses, widows or

widowers of deceased members, active employees, and their spouses. Employees of former subsidiaries of United, including Covia, Allegis, Varney, and the Alliant Credit Union may also join.

Northside breakfast had about 20 people. Returning after a long absence, babysitting her grandchildren, was **Sandra Piwowarczyk**. Welcome back! World travelers were **Paul** & **Marsha Sealock-Weber**, who visited Kansas over Memorial Day. **Jim Sommerfield** took **Shirley Brown** and his family to Hawaii in June. Hope it wasn't to the Big Island. Those poor residents having to endure so much with Kilauea's eruption. I received a newsy note from **Gil** & **Mary Kay Wojtal**, now living in Green Valley, AZ. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, renewing their vows. They've been there three years and are happy they moved, even though they miss their friends. They send a big hot hello from Arizona.

At the Southside Breakfast, only seven people came. **Agnes Pearson**, 95 years young, fell down on Mother's Day, fracturing her left humerus bone and pelvis (and it wasn't humorous). The doctors are not going to do anything for 4-6 weeks, see how they heal. Presently, she is in a rehab facility in Palos Heights. Also **Bill Brookins**, had a procedure done on his leg. He must be ok; he and Gwen went to 'inspect' the slot machines at the new Four Winds Casino in SBN. **Marge Schmidt** went to New Salem, WI, for a family reunion. She was able to see the remodeling done after that tornado last year. **Kathy** & **Bill Corbett** spent their annual Memorial Day week in Saugatuck, MI, on a 1,000 ft. houseboat. No raffle was held.

The ORDMM breakfast had 26 mechanics, many of them traveling. **Bob Hardin** is back from his villa in Florida. **Rich & Hilde Protsman** took a train ride through Colorado and the Rockies. **Deanna & Dick Hoppel** took an Alaskan cruise to celebrate their 60th anniversary. **Diane & Fred Seibert** rented a house in North Carolina with their kids and grandkids. **Toni & Pierre Lupori** traveled to Italy for a few weeks. The **Walt Chornomaz**' found a great cruise deal and visited the Saints Croix, Kitts, and a few more. I really feel bad for **Jackie Anderson**, she's forced to babysit her grandchildren in France for a month. We recalled our good times with the late, great **Gene Wright**, who passed away last month.

Helen Cauwels told me that the Pace Bus depot moved from Schaumburg to Rolling Meadows. The address is 3800 Golf Road, between Golf and Algonquin Roads, just east of New Wilke Road. Be aware of the change if you're going to a Cubs game. Another change is the ATS Tram at ORD that goes between all the terminals and parking lots E-F-G, and Kiss and Ride. Pace is doing renovations and the tram is closed between 1100 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. until December 2018. During the day, trains will be delayed, using only one track, or you get off and take the bus to your parking lot. If you use this, it's best to check with Pace at, <u>flychicago.com</u>. I found the info confusing. Maybe it's best to get a ride, or take a cab.

If any of you are traveling to HNL, the USS Arizona Memorial is closed for structural repairs indefinitely. There will be a free narrated boat tour that passes nearby the sunken ship. All other attractions are open.

The IAM 1487 had a Pizza Day lunch in June, with 93 retirees attending. Our next meeting will be July 5; lunch will be a Brown Bagger, but bringing two bags, one for our own lunch, and another for the Christmas in July Food Drive.

One quick mention about scammers, I received a call from my 'alleged' bank. They noticed a change in my status and wanted to verify my information. They asked for the last four digits of my SS number. At that point, I hung up, and called my bank branch. The representative said no one from their bank called, or would call regarding something like that. Just a friendly reminder to **not** answer your phone if you don't recognize the number, and to **not** give private information to banks, credit card companies or anybody you don't personally know.

Our co-workers that flew West include **Mike Tomaszewski**, ORDCG/DENCG, **John Ford**, ORDCG, **John Witt**, ORD, **Bill Prough**, CHIRR, and **Laura McElroy**, ORDMM.

Also gone are Margot Kidder, Tom Wolfe, Philip Roth, Joseph Campanella, Clint Walker, astronauts Alan Bean and Donald Peterson, Patricia Morison, Robert Mandan, Dwight Clark, Eddy Clearwater, Chicago Judge George Leighton, fashion designer Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain.

Not sure if you heard, but in June, the Post Office started selling Scratch and Sniff stamps, with pictures of popsicles and flowers. England, you might throw fancy weddings but you don't have aromatic stamps. The stamp problem has finally been licked, or sniffed.

Go Cubbies!

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (July 31). Last Tuesday of the month.

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

July 10 - RUPA Luncheon, Nick's Pizza, 856 Pyott Rd., Crystal Lake, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch.

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

September 4 - Skyliner's Fall Luncheon, Belvedere Restaurant, 1170 Devon Ave, Elk Grove, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch

December 4 - Skyliners's Christmas Luncheon, Avalon Restaurant, 1905 E. Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, IL, Tuesday, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 Lunch

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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The Indy Racers meeting on May 8, and we had a smaller attendance than normal. This was caused by the local election (we have members who work election sites) and several members had standing Doctor Appointments which happened to fall on our meeting day.

Members present were Hannelore Brabo, Bob & Myrtle Duty, Jim Gibson, Chris Johnston, Franks & Rita Prins, Dimple Rihel, Charles and Anthony Theiss, and Tony Urbanovic. We also welcomed Joan Romano back to the group after an extended absence.

The only business discussed was a brief statement by **Charles Theiss** that he would like to host the July group picnic at his house this year. Charles will provide additional information in our June meeting. We did hold the 50/50 raffle with Hannelore winning \$20.00.

The remainder of the time was spent in fellowship, where many UAL stories were shared and members were given a chance to reconnect with the group. Members ended up in several small "focus groups" where items of a common interest were discussed. One group was discussing the glory days at UAL, another the grieving process after loss of a spouse, travel plans and stories, and of course the ever present grandchild stories.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday June 12. The meeting place will be Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Rd., Avon, IN 46123. Lunch will be at 12:30 with the business meeting 13:30-15:00.

MASSACHUSETTS

NOR'EASTERS

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Submitted by Irene Kimball

This month, the Nor'Easters were sorry to learn of the passing of one of our members, **Ken Washburn**. A kind, gentleman, Ken was a Customer Service Supervisor for 38 years at United Airlines in New York, Cleveland and Boston. He retired in March 1994. Ken was 85.

Judy Kearney reports that she visited **Beth McDermet** at her beautiful home in Vermont where Beth has taken up "hooking". She has won awards for her hooked rug creations, appeared in magazines and is providing lessons to others. We wish we could include colored pictures here because they are exquisite! Judy also sent along a photo of herself with Beth. They are both as stunning as ever!

Dick Vee is well enough to move back home to New Hampshire after his stroke six months ago. Dick says it's wonderful to be home in his own bed and sends thanks to a great friend, **Moose Umbley**, who visited every week to urge him on. Yay to both of you!

Joan Twing reports that their son, Nick, has gotten engaged and everyone is thrilled for the upcoming nuptials. Last month she and Ron cruised to Cuba and she raves about the experience. They toured in a classic 1950's Chevy. Groovy!

Upcoming in June: Birthdays ~ Marie Dwyer, Dick Vee, Barbara McFarland. Anniversaries ~ Patti Austin (44), Irene Kimball (33), Jayne Regan (27), Helmut Umbley (53).

July Birthdays ~ Elizabeth Palmer, Joan Twing, Paul Ward. Anniversaries ~ Elizabeth Palmer (52 years).

MICHIGAN



GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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We had a great time at our May luncheon at Bar Louie that **Patty Gates** hosted. Attending were **Gwen Dyc**, **Joyce Lyons** (her niece **Page O'Donnell**, who worked at Res but went by Denise then), **Pam Shamey**, **Vi Thomas**. **Sue Smith**, **Camille** & **Bill Wade**, **Lynn Manzi**, **Carol Schaffner** and **Marlene Heaney**. Patty had lovely chocolate treats for us for dessert. It was wonderful to see some first-timers this year at the luncheon.

Our June luncheon was held on June 7th, hosted by **Lynn Manzi** and was held at Craft Breww City in Farmington Hills, MI. Enjoying the luncheon were **Patty Gates**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Pat McElhone** & his wife, **Henri**, **Bill** & **Camille Wade**, **Gwen Dyc**, and our hostess, **Lynn Manzi** and her friend, Phyllis. Camille brought along a reminder to join RUAEA to receive their monthly newsletter to keep up to date on the latest retiree benefit info.

We were very saddened to learn of the death of our friend, **Romanita Jenkins** who passed away on May 17. Unfortunately we were not notified of her passing and learned of it a couple of weeks later. Romanita started her career with United in New York before coming to DTWRR. We have no address for cards or any other information. Peace, dear friend.

MINNESOTA

NORTHERN LITES

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May's meeting/luncheon included some of our snowbird friends who only get back "home" to MN in the summer when it's too bloody hot where they've chosen to live now. Dr. **Jan Meyer** and her husband, **Roger Jorgenson**, are back from AZ where they spent the winter. Unfortunately, Jan contracted Valley Fever while there and is now dealing with treating that.

We also were surprised (but not as much as last month) to see **Larry & Eleanor Mousel** and **Marlene Overpeck** again. Two months in a row! We're blessed ... **Dee Eyestone** came in the door, too, after a winter away. Not AWAY, away, just not driving in winter weather. It was great to catch up with her again.

Last month, **Mary Brennan** passed out cards with the names and phone numbers of some of our colleagues that we haven't seen in a mighty long time and encouraged everyone to choose a card and give the person a call. It was great to see the response back from some of our missing members.

- Nick Schultz ~ now 91 and legally blind, is doing well, considering; hasn't lost any of his sass;
- **Bill Young** ~ now 94, doesn't get out much anymore but ditto on the sass;

- **Joe Balogh** ~ now 91, visits his wife, **Mitzi**, in the nursing home, but otherwise doesn't get out much anymore;
- Marty Arnold ~ having some memory issues, so we don't get to see him much;
- Alice Hendrix ~ (age not given) doing well, has sold her home and is now living in a senior center;
- **Gerry Jarrett** ~ struggling with Parkinson's, doesn't get out much at all;
- **Virginia Swenson** and sister **Marge** ~ both have heart issues and have had to give up their charitable fruit farming.

Talk about recent travels ... **Janice Meyer** made a trip to Antarctica during the winter. Her husband, Roger, opted out of the trip but applauded her decision to go. She said it was the most amazing experience of her life.

Lyle & **Sonja Gunderson** missed the June get-together because they signed up for another of those Mystery Tours by bus that they so enjoy. Can hardly wait to hear where they went this time.

Lee Storlie <u>somehow</u> was able to bid at the auction of Roy Rogers' memorabilia. He had a list of the amounts that some of the things brought at auction and it was interesting that some items sold for less than one would have thought, and vice versa. Lee was the lucky bidder for Roy's clock, which he passed around for all to see.

There were four folks attending that day who had birthdays in May, so they all rolled the dice for the \$5 prize. (The rule is, if the dice go under a table or something, it will have to stay there as none of us attempting to chase it down could get back up again.) There was a 3-way tie on the first throw, so those 3 rolled again. **Eleanor Mousel** was the sole winner with an eleven!

The 50/50 raffle brought smiles to five faces, but **Sonja Gunderson**'s was not one of them. She's thinkin' that she's lost her mo-jo ... Too many bus trips?

Note new venue, Snowbirds!

Lunch at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave. Maplewood, MN. Take I-694 to Exit 51 (White Bear Ave.) south to Woodlynn Ave. (about 2 blocks), left and into the strip mall across from Maplewood Mall. You'll see Aldi's Market nearby.

NEBRASKA

OMAHA GOLDENEARS

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Twenty-five retirees attended the luncheon at Elmwood Tower, hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk**. The venue is lovely, and the food is delicious, the servings ample and they even serve a dessert to go with the meal. What a deal. It's such a great place to meet and visit. Hopefully spring/summer is here now, and we won't need to worry about inclement weather conditions interfering with our outings. Winners of the 50/50 were **Judy Nekonchuk** and **Shirley Mahoney**. Each received \$14.

There were reports on some of our members. **Hilde Bennett Schwan** is recovering at Douglas County Hospital. **Elaine Carlson** has visited her a few times and says Hilde is doing well. **Dick Chizek** welcomes cards and visitors, he is at Westgate Assisted Living, 3030 S. 80th Street. **Denny Pierson** is recovering from neck surgery, the doctor has given him a few more privileges so he is able to drive once again. **Larry Nollette** is receiving physical therapy three times a week to get the arm working again and **Virgie** says he's coming along fine.

For our next meeting, with the help of **Tony** & **Jackie Sortino** and **Betsy** & **Bill Anderson**, we are going to have a good old fashioned United Airlines Retirees picnic at the **Cornishes**, 6501 Rainwood Road. This will be on June 5, food will be served around 11:30. The chapter will furnish chicken, each one please bring a favorite dish to go with it. Call Keith with your reservation at (402) 571-6031 or email kcornish6031@msn.com and let us know you are coming so we will know how much chicken to buy.

Birthdays for the month of June: **Jim Sophir** (14), **Rita Purkapile** (16), and **Jim Braden** (29).

Calendar:

July 11 - Pizza Ranch, hosted by Marge Edwards

August 7 - Fernando's Café in Blair, NE, hosted by Patty Shook and Sid Schneider

NEVADA



LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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

RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 14 members and 1 guest, **Lesly Jaramillo**, companion to **Maurine Williams**, at our May 14th meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

Bruce Pendleton, a local dentist, recently died. One of his early jobs during college at UNR was as a part-time Customer Service Rep for UA in Reno. At that time, he did counter work as well as ramp work and also delivered lost luggage in his Porsche to Lake Tahoe in 30 minutes.

At our April meeting, it was suggested that we may want to hold our September meeting at a different location in place of our discontinued picnic. A Mexican restaurant was suggested. **Barbara & Larry Leusing** kindly offered to check out Compadres on S. Virginia and Miguel's in the Grand Sierra Resort. Compadres will not do separate checks – up to 4 people can use their credit cards and then collect back from other members. Miguel's can do separate checks but it may take longer to check out as they will have other paying customers in the restaurant (like Black Bear). No decision was reached at the May meeting so it will discussed again in June.

May birthdays were celebrated by **Bonnie Royle** and **Geri Boutz**.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Allen Robbins. Pat Nettles won the Memorial Day small gift.

Master Baker **Bill Perkins** brought pizzelles (Italian cookies) in various flavors to share. They were \underline{so} good!

Our next meeting will be June 11 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:30 a.m.

NEW JERSEY



THE GARDEN STATERS

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Our May meeting opened with the flag salute by President **Frank Worzocha**, and a moment of silence for UAL Capt. **Charles Melbourne** who has recently passed. He flew out of both JFK and EWR.

Frank Kokoszka gave a report from his visit to the IAM Employee Assistance Program in Hollywood, Maryland. It is an effort by the IAM to reach out to all current and retired personnel. Both **Bill Gula** and **Vic Acosta** from local 914, added their comments, if from what I understand it should be of benefit to all.

Vince Ferry won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on June 27 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

***From the great prophet Leroy ~ *Nobody loses anything by being polite, so why are so many people afraid to take that chance?*

NEW YORK



NEW YORK METROS

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June 6^{th} , 2018, D-Day. 29 Metros in attendance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we paused a moment in memory of our veterans.

This will be short. Good to see **Frank Ferrara** and **Jordan Levine**. Frank's nephew, Adam, the comedian, will be making a movie. More on that next month. I have to work on getting myself in as an extra!

Frank Lo Pinto passed away in Florida after a long illness. The funeral was in New York. Our prayers for him and his family. A memorial luncheon was held for **Betty Rhodes** JFKSW, at her favorite NY restaurant, attended by 40 flight attendants.

Our one guest was **Lauren Klos**, granddaughter of **John & Madeleine**. She won 1st prize in our 50/50. Isn't that nice? **Donna Feingold** won 2nd, **Frank Ferrara** 3rd. Got home just in time!

Happy birthday to Lee Ann Ricci, Lillian Cohen and Harold Koch.

Happy anniversary to the Pascales, Carnevales and Talichinos. Go party!

Calendar:

July 10 - No Fourth of July meeting.

August - Picnic as usual

<u>OHIO</u>

OHIO BUCKEYES

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We had 63 members attend our May 2nd meeting held at Shale Creek Golf Course and the weather was a perfect 70 degrees and sunny. Dolly lead us as we all said "Grace" together. The food was excellent and everyone decided it was a definite for next year. We thanked **Barb Vauls** for hosting. After lunch, the 50/50 drawing was conducted by **Dave** & **Marie Placko**; the winners were **Carol Tymke**, **Bev Templeton** and **Tom Hassel**.

President **Dolly Taucher** continued the meeting mentioning our members that have been having health issues: **Tom Hockett** had a heart issue that was taken care of; **Steve Pytel** injured his left leg which is healing slowly; and **Lillian Schabel**, after her fall last year has moved into an assistant living facility. We also found out that on April 30th, **Tony Novak** had passed away (cancer). Dolly had cards at the luncheon for us to sign, letting our friends know that our thoughts and prayers are with them. **Barb Vauls** gave a short report on our National Convention coming up in September. Everything seems to be coming along very well. The tours we have planned and the entertainment sounds great.

Our birthdays for May included Cheryl Goodson, John Kercel, Peggy King, Jeannette Long, Ed McCarthy, George Oncu and John Taucher.

Anniversaries were **Gerry** & **Peggy King** (26 years), **Dave** & **Marie Placko** (57years), **Jack** & **Kay Preston** (59years) and **John** & **Dolly Taucher** (55 years). We hope every mother had a Happy Mother's Day!

Convention News Update: We have added a "Special Event" to the Convention. On September 20th (Thursday evening), we have made arrangements with the Cleveland Indians for an evening out at Progressive Field for a night of rivalry baseball between the Cleveland Indians and the Chicago White Sox. This should prove to be a very fun filled evening. We have also negotiated for discount baseball tickets. \$57 tickets for \$40, and \$22 tickets for \$19. The Touch of Class will provide the transportation to and from the stadium at the low cost of \$13 per person. There will be two bus departures from the Airport Marriott Hotel (West 150 Street & I-71) at 5pm and 6pm for the 30-minute ride to the stadium. "First Pitch" is at 7:10pm. Just in case you are wondering, this will not interfere with any of our tours.

Calendar:

July 11 - Williams on-the-Lake, hosted by **Vince** & **Norma Malena** (2nd Wed.) **August 1** - Annual Picnic at the Chalet, hosted by **John** & **Dolly Taucher**

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

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Another fun meeting in May, with 49 members, good food, lots of conversation, and lots of laughs, especially after **Cliff Blare** shared a bunch of jokes from his huge repertoire.

Unfortunately we have some health issues to report: **Marilyn Woods** had a fall in April which resulted in a compression fracture and is currently going to physical therapy. **Sam French** had triple by-pass surgery the end of April.

Our president shared highlights of her recent conversation with NW Director, **Tom Cunningham**: "flyingtogether.ual.com" has been replaced with "fr.ual.com" – lots less typing! Anyone using the "favorites" tool will be able to import those sites using the button at the bottom of the page. The retired flight attendants website also has some GREAT travel info: "rafa-cwa.org". Effective in June, retirees will be able to change selection of their two enrolled friends in June and December. This ability to change mid-year is a benefit ONLY for retirees. All retirees with more with 25+ years of service pay no travel tax fees, other than some transit taxes set by countries. Those that are charged a service fee will now receive quarterly invoices for all taxable travel, instead of waiting for the \$600 threshold. Those that traveled through London or Narita are eligible for a refund of the hefty port tax if you stayed no more than four hours. If you transferred to a non-United flight, be sure to save your boarding pass which will need to be submitted along with the appropriate form to get the refund. Expect construction over the next couple of years when traveling through Chicago, ORD, or NY Stewart Int'l airport, SWF, which is about 70 miles north of Manhattan. Both sites will be undergoing major upgrades over the next 2-4 years. Employees/retirees are eligible for 20% discount for all onboard purchases. Just show employee ID with credit card at time of purchase.

For Direct TV discount, (only \$3 with employee discount), go online to prepay. You must use the same card on the flight as used for prepay. All prepaid fess will be debited from card once swiped for the first time, i.e. pay \$15 for five transactions, even if swiped only once for current trip. The next 4 swipes will activate viewing, but will not show up as another charge/debit. Basic Economy now on some flights, will impact checking load factors: only allowed ONE carry on of smaller size, no flight changes or refunds, there are definite seat restrictions, no seat upgrades will be allowed, some seats available to choose with an associated fee up to 24 hours prior to flight, but **most** seats will be auto assigned the day of flight. Checking load factors will get even trickier. Looking at empty seats on seating chart can be deceiving. Can indicate either unsold **or** unassigned. With new Basis Econ, there is potential for many more unassigned seats. Look at the number of available seats instead, **much** more accurate.

Real ID Act: currently WA & OR driver license qualify under an extension that will remain in effect until 10/1/2018. If adequate changes not made by state, DL's will no longer work as ID for TSA. After 10/1, you may need to use passport or go online and complete steps for qualifying valid ID.

This month's quote from our President: "Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life."

To be expected at upcoming meetings: June – members Rosalie and Joyce will share their trip to Africa last year! July – annual indoor picnic with lots of prizes. August – Jokes and quotes. September or October – (yet to be confirmed) speaker from National Weather Service. September or October – (depending on speaker) Ice cream Social. November – some fun trivia.

Anniversaries ~ Ed & Sue Rommell (58 years), Dan & Judy Jones (58 years).

Birthdays ~ Tom Hotchkin, Dennis Scheuerell, Harvey Larkin, Carol DeFord, Joyce Garrett, Anna Miller, Margaret Borbely, and Debbie Tafua.

Drawing Winners ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Inge Pempeit**, Men's Birthday - **Tom Hotchkin**, Women's Birthday - **Debbie Tafua**, 50/50 - **Debbie Tafua**.

Calendar:

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

June 13 – Rosalie & Joyce will share their Africa adventure

July 11 – Annual indoor picnic

August 8 – Jokes and quotes

PENNSYLVANIA



THE INDEPENDENTS

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For those of us who missed the May meeting, it was a good program. Only 16 were in attendance. The topic was close to the vest and under the skirt, Tour of the Civil War. It was presented by Thomas William Tear and Karen Jessee in reproductions of Civil War military underpinnings. They explained and modeled the uniforms of the day.

Our sick list continues. Jim & Barbara Fanto, Donna Lynn, Marsha Ems, Al Edwards and as we age, we all seem to have problems,

We just received word of one death, Ben Hain. We send our condolences to his daughter Linda.

June is our last meeting till September. It will be our indoor picnic.

Have a great summer.

PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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Welcome RUAEA from the Pit-Stoppers. We wish all our many RUAEA friends better health and a quick recovery, pleasant weather and hope you are looking forward to travel to the beach, or, if possible, visiting family and friends. Gardeners are looking forward to the vegetable garden now planted: tomatoes, zucchini, cubera (hot) peppers, (for dipping tacos and nachos!) and some herbs with a glass of Moscato wine! Or Chardonnay! Just the little things in life are sometimes great to look forward to for some of us.

RUAEA's Luncheon Meeting will be June 14th at J.W. Hall's Restaurant (Hopewell Shopping Center). Looking forward to seeing all who can attend. **Paul & Betty Musko** are unable to attend with two granddaughters graduating from their high school and two grandsons graduating the same month from colleges. The girls' graduation party will keep us busy baking cookies and also attending a lot of graduation parties. Both girls will be attending Duquesne University. We will give an update about the RUAEA luncheon next month in the newsletter!

Jeri (Joann Juth), our amazing Chapter Advisor, is recuperating from a minor stroke, is on kidney dialysis, and has other health issues. But God Bless Jeri, she is coming along great and is trying to keep up with RUAEA and her family and friends. Jeri & Bernie are very proud of their nephews - Brett Pompeani who had a full golfing scholarship from Robert Morris University and graduated recently with his degree, Finance and Business. Also, Brett's twin brothers, Brandon and Brock with full golfing scholarships also from Robert Morris. Joann is so happy and proud that one of the twins just got engaged and is getting married on November 10 - the date of the Marine Corps Birthday, Jeri being a Marine Corp Sgt. Happy 46th Anniversary to Jeri and Bernie on June 2!

Treatie Karwoski - We also enjoy Treatie and her awesome sisters! She is helping her family get settled in a new place and is also worrying about everyone! She has her good times, and, of course, her bad days. But she is also helping our Chapter, keep trucking Treatie! You are loved by all!

Our deepest sympathy to **Art Todd**'s family, our Pittsburgh Customer Agent, United Airlines - **Art Todd**, 79, formerly of Ambridge, PA, retired from Pittsburgh and relocated to Reno, NV. He passed away in May with his family in Oregon; beloved wife, Linda, passed away five years ago. Art had a private service in Ambridge, near his family, Friday, 9 am - 11 am. Art will be very sadly missed. Occasionally, prior to his illness, he had been back to Pittsburgh to visit his friends, **Jim & Diane Weber**. Art attended a few RUAEA meetings and gathered with many of us for dinner when he came to Pittsburgh.

Our deepest love and sympathy to **Bud Brown**, retired Customer Service Agent - Pittsburgh, and his wife, **Joy Brown**, retired Flight Attendant - United Airlines living in Arizona and their families for the loss of Joy's father from Oak Harbor, WA. He recently passed away, 93 yrs. old. **Norm Austin** had a long great life and he is now where he wanted to be. Joy's Mom passed away over 20 years ago. Joy had them mix Norm's ashes with her Mother's ashes (Betty). Norm was a Navy Pilot during all three wars, and, the Navy will scatter their ashes over the ocean as a final salute to both of them!

Hello RUAEA sports fans - Well our Penguins did not succeed in making a three-peat, they just ran out of gas. By the time they played Washington after two years of short rest in between seasons, it caught up to them. You can see they were a little slow and not as sharp or quick! However, they have Penguins playing in the Stanley Cup playoffs as Vegas selected our goalie, (Fleury and five other players, so we now are saying, we have 2 and Y2 peat (Imagine). Go Vegas!

Our Pirates started off fast this year and now are getting into the groove of the last twenty years! They are now sitting in 4th place comfortably out of five spots in the Central Division and are 6 and ½ games behind 1st place Milwaukee. Hopefully, by season end, they will maybe achieve a playoff spot. Your guess is as good as mine since they traded their best two players away!

When difficulties arise, the positive thinker takes them as creative opportunities ~ Norman Vincent Pearle

TENNESSEE

TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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Notes: TN Rocky Tops meets on the third Thursday of each month. At our May event a small group went to attend a playhouse show in Crossville, TN. Due to prior commitments of our members that did not attend, we did not have a formal luncheon or meeting.

Happy Birthday to Glyda Zane (6/3), Ray Perry (6/16) and Stan Wood (7/3)

Calendar:

July 19 - Luncheon and Meeting at 1:30ET, Puleo's grill, 110 Cedar Lane, Knoxville, Tennessee. RSVP **Marlene Scott**, (423) 526-2917 or e-mail marlenes@aol.coom

August 16 - Breakfast event 9:30 am at Don Delphis Pancakes House, 120 West End Avenue, Knoxville, TN. RSVP Pollie, (847) 757-5261.

WASHINGTON

EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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May 8 saw the Emerald City Slickers meeting for the last time until September, when luncheon meetings will resume on second Tuesdays at Angelo's in Burien, Washington, formerly a now-incorporated Seattle suburb. A BBQ at a private home on Lake Burien on July 10 will provide a chance to share early summer experiences. Special thanks go to our hostess, **Kathi Skarbo**, who will put up with us once again. We must not have been too rowdy last year, as she has invited us back. A special flyer providing details will be sent to chapter members.

<u>Headline News</u>: Kathie Torgison, travel columnist for this magazine, will take over as president of RUAEA's Seattle chapter in September. Ken Storey has done an admirable job as president for the past couple years and we thank him for his time and service, as we welcome Kathie to the captain's chair.

Even with a couple regulars missing, the annual return of snowbirds increased attendance at the May meeting to 44. **Hank Gosselin, Carol Lucarelli, Shirley Claggett, Ron Paluch, Frank & Gail Cochrun** have all ventured north from Arizona for the summer. It's always great to welcome them back.

John Haferbecker filled in for Secretary Mary Ann Andersen. Ed & Gay Liesse took over for vacationing Richard Devereux and Assistant Treasurer Noreen Krawczyk, peddling raffle tickets and checking in attendees, respectively.

President **Ken Storey** was aided and abetted by **Frank Cochrun**, **Frank McAnulty**, **Kathie Torgison**, and **Lloyd Towne** in sharing this meeting's collection of chuckles. E-mail probably was the source for many of those tales.

After collecting lunch fees from attendees, Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** provided thank you cards to be signed by attendees and sent to volunteers at the Flight 93 Memorial with a contribution from the group and to **Vicki Shumaker**, volunteer editor of Contrails, the chapter newsletter.

Phoenix president Shirley and baseball fanatic Ron, treasurer and registrar, respectively, for the RUAEA national convention in Cleveland, reminded us to sign up for that event. They seem to have become permanent fixtures in those positions, no doubt with the appreciation and blessing of all convention committees - we remember how efficient they were during the Seattle convention. Ron had dashed in from playing on a seniors' baseball team just in time to enjoy his quick lunch.

Frank and Gail are able to join us for the last meeting before the summer break and the first one in the fall. Gail reminisced about her connection with United. Her father, **Gilbert Lowe**, who "lived and breathed" UAL, had joined the company back in the 50's, when Pat Patterson was president

For her May contribution on company updates, **Kathie Torgison** ran down a long list of newly-introduced UAL flights that will take effect in coming months. If those destinations didn't awaken the travel bug in each attendee, there's no hope!

Sadly, we report the passing of another Seattle retiree. **Mike Bratovich** (SEAMM) died less than a week after attending our May luncheon meeting. Mike and his wife Mary, who passed away early last year, had been regular attendees for many years, though recently it had been physically difficult for them. We appreciate their daughter, **Kathy Vogel**, for so faithfully transporting them to chapter functions.

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** congratulated birthday and anniversary celebrants, a long list covering four months, May through August. **Fred Frey** lent a hand to distribute door prizes. After some frenzied discussion, the chapter voted to provide a free lunch as a door prize at future meetings. That will become the first drawing of the day, when everyone's ticket is still available to be drawn. Winner of the May 50/50 drawing was Lucky **Hank Gosselin**, past president of RUAEA.

Last month we reported that **Mary Ann Andersen** has been providing "biographies" of some of our members in the chapter newsletter and synopses were promised. This month's column already is long enough, so those "Life with UAL" stories may be covered in the next two issues when there are no regular happenings to report.

As the snowbirds will attest, Seattle is a great place to be during summer months. Come on up, even if we can't offer you the chance to mingle with SEA+ retirees.

Calendar:

June-August – No formal luncheon meetings **July 10** – Summer Barbecue **September 11** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

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



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Our May luncheon was predominantly planning our end-of-the-year celebration which takes place on June 13, 2018 at Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA. The picture is part of our planning committee. Left to right: Benita, Judy Dunlap, Cathy & Bob O'Roark.

Bob O'Roark, our historian, has arranged for Keith Meurlin to be our guest speaker. Mr. Meurlin is the president of Washington Airport Task Force.

I will report next month on his airline news. Hopefully, their schedules will allow the BOW wine master and beer master to also share some time with our group. We will be given a tour of the vineyard and there will be wine tastings available. The chapter will be providing beverages and crescent sandwiches. We will also have a birthday cake for our summer birthday. The rest of the meal will be pot luck. Airliners know how to provide a feast that is both beautiful and delicious. There will also be a few long tables displaying historical United memorabilia. Bob O'Roark provides most of this show, but many members contribute to it, as well.

This year we will also have a silent auction which will open at the BOW Winery and end at our September luncheon on the 2nd Wednesday of that month. Bidding can be done on line (the information on how to access that site will be in next month's newsletter.). We will be auctioning off two beautiful Afghans (one blue and one purple) handmade and donated by Marie Libby and eight lovely paintings by our local artist, Ruth Blackwell.

Nancy Steele won the 50/50 and door prizes were won by Betty Williams, Ina Ayres, Gloria Runkles, Hank Heuser, Faye O'Meara, Marie Libby and Jon Beckett. Congratulations!

Dick Libby was sporting a new knee. TSA is looking forward to patting him down . Still waiting for Patty Burch to return from sick leave, but hear that she is feeling better every day. Nance Osborne has recovered from her heart attack and we hope to see her pretty face again soon.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS

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Happy Summer! Hope each of you are having fun in the sun. We have a Clipped Wings Chapter in the sunny Miami area that has lots of fun all during the year at their meetings held in various restaurants or country clubs. But that's only one part of what they do. We're very proud of our MIA Chapter and their involvement with Adopt A Family. Adopt A Family of the Palm Beaches was started in 1983 by three local women to help a homeless family living under a bridge. To date 45,000 families have been provided assistance to help them become self-sufficient. This December will be the 10th year for MIA Chapter to be involved at Adopt A Family's annual Kid's Santa Christmas Shoppe. This heartwarming event makes a Christmas celebration possible for some very deserving families. Our national CW philanthropy is Special Olympics. Our busy MIA members also manage to find the time to volunteer on behalf of their local Special Olympics - Dream Team Broward County.

If you're an active or retired UAL/CO inflight crew member and would like to be involved with a very caring and fun group, just visit our website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org. We'd love to provide you with information from a chapter in your area. We do have 29 chapters located throughout the USA and would love to welcome you aboard!

NEW MEMBERS

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

Ostrand, Dorothy, 16852 Old Houston Road, Conroe, TX 77302 Palma, Freddy, SFOOV, 236 Ordway St., San Francisco, CA 94134 Pottorff, Bruce, ORDFO, 712 Cottonwood Drive, Severna Park, MD 21146

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

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- Retiree **Duffey**, **Edward K**., on 3/19/2018, CLEMK, Father of Robert E. Duffey, INDJK and Father-in-law of Ruth Duffey, 1122 New Harmony Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46231.
- Retiree **Frye**, **Robert L**., on 4/18/2018, IADCG, husband of M. Dianne Frye, 214 Bentley Ave., Winchester, VA 22602
- Retiree Gillian, Daniel L., on 3/31/2018, CHIDD, husband of Judy C. Gillian, PO BOX 42, Sandstone, WV 25985
- Retiree **Nessling**, **Donald J.**, on 5/17/2018, SFOSH, husband of Suzanna Nessling (Deceased) and Donna Nessling (Deceased), 545 Sunymount Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94087
- Retiree O'Neill, Donna B., on 8/27/2017, MLIOZ, wife of Michael O'Neill, 2401 16th Ave., Moline, IL 61265
- Retiree **Prough**, **William D**., on 5/2/2018 CHIRR, husband of Shirley Prough, 18638 N. Sundrift Ct., Surprise, AZ 85374
- Retiree **Veillette**, **Roger L**., on 3/18/2018, SLCOO, husband of Bonnie Veillette, 7417 N. Via Camallo Delnorte #160, Scottsdale, AZ 85258
- Retiree **Zill**, **Homer P**., on 3/15/2018, DENTK, husband of Esther M. Zill (Deceased), 9271 E. Eastman Ave., Denver, CO 80231
- Retiree **Zinchuk**, **Karen**, on 5/14/2018, CHIRR, sister of Ms. Ann Yeltie, 8105 W. Mesa Point Drive, Tucson, AZ 85743

Don't miss the LETTERS & NOTES section on the next page

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:

Beverly Alderdice, Carolyn Alva, Bonnie Bena, Birgit Cuda, Charlotte Flagg, Jay Hartough, Joe Hegner, Lorraine Karpen, Hale McPhee, Frank Rausch, Bernard Sanford, Charlotte Schultz, Maria Santangelo.

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.)

Joann Butler, 811 N. 1st St., Knoxville, IA 50138

Thanks for all you do in keeping everyone in communication.

Jan and I moved to Iowa to help my Dad when he needed us and we stayed.

We haven't been able to travel the last 3 years as Jan's health hasn't permitted.

We miss seeing the Re-LAX-ers but do enjoy reading of others that we both worked with at LAXCS and LAXFF.

Jan had also worked as a skycap.

Barry Constantine, 3049 Via Romaza, Carlsbad, CA 92009

Thanks for all you do for us retired folks. Keeping us up to date on all the news must be a full time job. It is just amazing that you all volunteer your time to keep us informed. The company has changed so much in the 15 years since I retired.

Yesterday, by your help and tutorials, I am completely up to date on all of the medical and pass requirements.

I sign up for all the required things on time and I am so cool when I travel as I do everything on my smart phone. If I can do it by your help, then so can anyone.

Keep up the good work for all of us.

Ken Lee, 107 Sand Trap Ln., Greenwood, SC 29649

Thank you as always for all the helpful information and interesting news. After my 25 year career in 1993, with no sick days, this year makes it 25 years of retirement with only a knee and a hip replacement, I am feeling fine and going to the gym often.

Finally, to my surprise, I saw 2 of my co-workers on the newsletter cover. They look great!



Dorothy Ostrand

Enjoying retirement, and thankful for the flight benefits I have. Would like to learn more about our airlines since the merger and about our new travel system.

Janice Kreider

Great resource! Sorry I haven't kept up. I'll try to do better.

Fred Okeefe

United Airlines provided many opportunities for me and my family for many years before retirement. RUAEA has been a real benefit since retirement for communication and travel incentives. Thank you to all the Dedicated Retirees that keep the organization going!

Duane Gentner

I retired from DENTK in December 1995, I returned 3 days later under contract and went another 5 years -44 years total. I finally got that retirement thing right in December 2000. I love seeing familiar names in the Newsletter and appreciate all the work that goes into it! Please don't go the way of the many disappearing newspapers.

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Important Phone Numbers



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

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

United Employee Service Center

1-877-825-3729, <u>esc@united.com</u> (email) 1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

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