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2023 San Diego Reunion Updates



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This year's Reunion in San Diego is going to be a wonderful event based on attendance and planned activities. In years past, we have named this RUAEA annual event our Convention; but this year, we are calling it a Reunion. The main factor for the increase in attendance is the participation of RUPA and ARECA; which makes this year's event a RUAEA, RUPA and ARECA Reunion. We all worked at United and Continental and what we did as employees in many positions was to do our jobs and make the company successful, which it now is. As retirees in our respective retirement organizations, we all come together for camaraderie; being with fellow workers we associated with and make new friends. Now that RUAEA, RUPA and ARECA have decided to come together, it expands our camaraderie, our opportunity to come together at an event called the Reunion. Whichever organization we are a member of will still maintain its autonomy. I want to thank everyone who's taking part in this year's Reunion and making it a great success.

I also want to remind you that you can invite your family and friends to attend the Reunion. It is coming up soon and again, I thank everyone taking part in it. The Reunion events, tours, Oktoberfest (dress for the occasion), banquet, entertainment, hospitality room, drawings, silent auction, daily door prizes, cash bars will be ready for everyone to enjoy. The Dana on Mission Bay, our Reunion Hotel offers fine restaurant, daily breakfasts, pools, watercraft rentals and all-around ambience of a great destination. Also, there are many sites and activities in and about San Diego that you can add to your stay to make it a wonderful vacation. I am looking forward to greeting you all there! Last but not least, I want to acknowledge and thank the Reunion Committee for their hard work to make this event a success:

- ★ **Chairperson** – **Betty Tomaino**, who has chaired this event for a number of years. Betty is a wonderful person and the greatest chairperson.
- ★ **Publicity Chair** – **Barbara Drews**, who has also been a multi-year volunteer. She has written several articles in our Newsletter about our Reunion and San Diego.
- ★ **Entertainment Chair** – **John Cunningham**, another multi-year volunteer who has procured outstanding entertainment for us. He's not only enlisting great entertainment but also performing with them at our events. The outstanding "American Fly Boys", a great band will be there to entertain us again, thanks to John.
- ★ **Raffle Chair** – **Peggy VanSickle**, another veteran volunteer. She is in charge of our 50/50 raffle, a real hit with our attendees; along with our special raffle and silent auction. Peggy made them all a great success, using her wonderful personality to sell tickets, along with keeping track of our funds. A wonderful lady.
- ★ **Decorations Chair** – **Rosalie Tripicchio** has been volunteering in this position for the last two years. She is making our events festive with creative and fine decorations.
- ★ **Treasurer and Registrar** – **Shirley Claggett** and **Ron Paluch** have served these positions for the past 8 years. They are both outstanding, making our events accurate to all our attendees. Both are at their respective positions for countless hours, with smiling faces and great personalities. They are so important to our event and most important to me.
- ★ **Assistant to the VP-Conventions** – **Ron Bertacini** is my right-hand man, and a great one to say the least. He is the one that initially puts together the Convention and Reunion package for the Newsletter for the past several years. He also puts together the Reunion Directory which is most helpful to all of us; I can't wait to see this year's edition. Ron has been a real asset to RUAEA, filling many positions and anything else that may be needed to keep the organization running.
- ★ **Registration Chair** – Our Executive Vice President **Ruth Morabito**. When I said I needed a Registration Chairperson, without hesitation, Ruth said yes. Ruth has been a great asset to RUAEA over the past several years; now that everyone on the Executive Board seemed to be locked into our positions. Ruth is the one who coordinates the RUAEA Board meetings via Zoom, puts together our agendas and keeps us on track as best she can. As RUAEA Executive VP, Ruth has the responsibility of the Denver office and most importantly, our Regional Directors, which is ever changing.
- ★ **RUAEA Newsletter** – **John Chu** produces an outstanding monthly Newsletter which is the most important thing to all RUAEA members. The Newsletter provides detailed information about the Reunion and reports all that is pertinent to our event.

I personally thank them all for their dedication to RUAEA and to our annual events. Most of the Committee members will be attending the Reunion; I would like each and everyone to seek them out and thank them for a job well done. ■

Hank Gosselin ~ RUAEA VP Conventions

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Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I have been working very hard to schedule the speakers for our Benefits Panel meeting at the upcoming Reunion; it is shaping up to be a great meeting. Although I can't give you all the names at the present time; it looks like we'll have 10-12 presenters from UAL HR. Remember that RUAEA is the only group that sponsors a team from HR.

As in previous years, Alliant Credit Union is again sponsoring our Oktoberfest party, the night before the Banquet.

We also have booked 700 room nights this year as compared to last year of 350.

Thank you all for your participation and I want to specifically thank RUPA President **Don Wolfe** for his help and support for the last two years. Don worked with us diligently during his term in office; he is now a good friend and will be missed by me. I hope I can carry on the good work with the next RUPA President, starting September 1. I also appreciate ARECA President **Gary Peterson** and his whole crew for their support.

I will have a RPC (Retired Presidents Committee) meeting in the next couple of weeks and will report on this meeting at the Reunion in San Diego. I hope to see you all there. Thanks

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

Volunteer Opportunities Ruth Morabito – RUAEA Executive VP



As you have seen in previous issues of the RUAEA Newsletters, the 2023 RUAEA Reunion in beautiful San Diego is coming up quickly. I am looking forward to greeting old friends, co-workers and making new friends. There are many events planned that have presented the opportunity to volunteer and contribute to the success of the Reunion.

While helping out at past events, I am always amazed when I hear "*Hey Ruth, do you remember me?*" quickly followed by a location, department or story that takes me back in time; so much fun to be had in reminiscing with several friends that I spent quite a bit of time with over the years, but had lost contact with.

Registration Check In for the Reunion will be open beginning Sunday-Tuesday, check the schedule of events in your Reunion Packet for the times or at <http://www.ruaea.org>.

Again, this year there will be Hospitality Get-Togethers, beginning on Sunday, October 1, in the Mission Bay Ball Room (5:30-8:30). These are great opportunities to catch up and renew old friendships. Along with registration, there will be 50/50 drawings, on the first two evenings as well as door prize drawings. All chances to meet and greet new faces and recognize those who our memory has pushed to the back of our minds in the course of life.

Oh and lots of laughter as well.

Lessons from the Queen of Soul By Malcolm Horn, CFP® Alliant Credit Union



Retirement and
Investment Services

Four pages found under a couch cushion versus handwritten pages locked in a cabinet. Aretha Franklin passed away in 2018, leaving her family battling over the two wills left by the Queen of Soul. Their heart-wrenching story is a reminder that we have a duty to our loved ones: To set up a clear and thorough Estate Plan. A single will that has been witnessed and

notarized can help your family navigate legal battles effectively during their grief.

A Will or Trust details your wishes for property and assets after death, appoints an executor and can name guardians for minor children. Handwritten wills, like those left by Aretha, must meet specific criteria to be valid, and more recent wills usually take precedence. Dying without a will means dying intestate, with state laws determining asset distribution.

Estate plans can be kept private by using a trust instead of a will. Trusts allow you to avoid probate court and keep details confidential. In addition, beneficiary designations on retirement accounts can supersede a will, and joint tenancy ownership can override will instructions.

The Financial Consultants at Alliant Retirement and Investment Services (ARIS) are here to help you with these crucial yet sensitive discussions. Contact us today for a discussion at aris.alliantcreditunion.com. I look forward to seeing you at the RUAEA Reunion this year in San Diego and continuing the conversation.

United's New Transcontinental Amenity Kit Features
Skincare Products from Venus Williams-Backed Brand
August 1, 2023



Starting today, travelers flying United Business® on the airline's premium transcontinental domestic routes will be the first to experience new amenity kits that feature exclusive products from Venus Williams-backed wellness brand Asutra. The airline also introduced new amenity kits for United First passengers traveling between the continental U.S. and Hawaii, including skincare from Hawaiian brand Ua Body, which will debut onboard later this month. United distributes transcontinental and Hawaii amenity kits to approximately 65,000 total passengers per month.

"We're really proud of these amenity kits – fantastic new partners, exclusive products and high-end ingredients. Our customers are going to love them," said Peter Wolkowski,

United Director of Onboard Product Design. *"These kits, customized for our transcontinental and Hawaii-bound travelers, are just the latest way we're working to make the travel experience even better at United."*

Created with Asutra, the new United premium transcontinental amenity kits offer cruelty-free skincare made without any parabens, phthalates or petroleum and are designed to help the cross-country flyer unwind and feel refreshed upon landing. Each kit includes an Asutra cleansing face towelette and nourishing lip balm and hand lotion made with magnesium to help create a sense of calm plus mango seed butter, coconut oil and almond oil to soothe, moisturize and protect the skin while onboard. All held in a reusable, Asutra-branded pouch, the kit also includes a bamboo toothbrush, toothpaste, Asutra eye mask and ear plugs to help passengers rest onboard. The pouch and eye mask are made with recycled materials and a card inside the pouch offers inspiration for self-care practices while traveling.

"As a women-owned, Chicago-based company, we are thrilled to partner with our hometown airline, United Airlines. Our mission at Asutra is to make self-care a possibility for everyone through accessible wellness products," said Stephanie Morimoto, Asutra Owner and CEO. *"From personal experience, I know that taking care of yourself intentionally while traveling can be challenging. This new amenity kit gives travelers an easy, enjoyable way to take care of themselves while on their journey and arrive refreshed."*

The new United Hawaii amenity kits bring the islands to flyers before landing, with skincare from Ua Body, a brand owned, operated and made in Hawaii. Each kit includes a moisturizing lip balm and hand cream and a refreshing face mist, featuring local scents like sandalwood, jasmine and coconut and local ingredients like Kukui oil and Organic Royal Hawaiian Sandalwood oil. Each kit also includes an eye mask made with recycled materials plus a bamboo toothbrush, toothpaste and ear plugs.

"We're honored to be working with such a powerful partner in United, and proud to continue showcasing our Hawaiian heritage to the world through our handcrafted products," says Leala Humbert, Founder/CEO of Ua Body.

The reusable Hawaii amenity kit pouch features artwork from local artist Christie Shinn. The pouch, made with recycled materials, comes in four different designs featuring the local landscape to excite and inspire travelers to the islands.

These new amenity kits are just the latest way United is enhancing the experience for customers traveling in its premium cabins. Last month, the airline debuted new United First seats with wireless charging, vegan leather upholstery, Bluetooth connectivity, privacy screens, Italian quartzite cocktail tables and an ergonomist-designed cushion. In addition, United recently debuted new wines in United Polaris®, reintroduced the United Polaris Sundae Cart and opened new clubs in Newark, Chicago and Denver – with more to come.

Ready For Kickoff: United Adds 127 Nonstop Flights for 2023 College Football Season
July 28, 2023

United today announced the addition of 127 new, nonstop flights to help college football fans cheer on their favorite teams at 30 games this season.

Last year, more than 50,000 fans flew United to some of the most iconic college football towns across the country. This year, the airline will continue to help fans get to games to cheer on teams including Wisconsin, USC, University of Michigan, Penn State and more.

“We’re committed to providing a best-in-class travel experience for our customers, whether they’re traveling around the globe, or flying to see their favorite college football team play,” said Patrick Quayle, Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances. *“We’re pleased to deliver a schedule this season that makes it easy for fans to come together and support their teams on the road.”*



In addition to the airline’s special schedule, United is partnering with USC Trojans quarterback and 2023 Heisman Award Winner Caleb Williams for a name, image, likeness (NIL) agreement to hype up college football fans in United’s advertising and social media. He’ll appear in a variety of United advertising and social media spots during the season as well as post to his own account.

“There’s nothing like the energy you get from seeing the fans in stands and hearing them cheer you on during a big rivalry game, whether that’s at home or on the road,” said Caleb Williams, USC Trojans quarterback. *“I’m excited to collaborate with United Airlines to help spread the news of these special college football flights so fans from all over the country can experience that energy first-hand.”*

The airline has added more flights and will be flying larger planes to select cities for the following games:

Sept. 2: Tennessee State University @ University of Notre Dame
Sept. 3: Louisiana State University @ Florida State University
Sept. 9: University of Texas-Austin @ University of Alabama
Sept. 9: University of Nevada, Las Vegas @ University of Michigan
Sept. 9: University of Cincinnati @ University of Pittsburgh
Sept. 9: University of Notre Dame @ North Carolina State University
Sept. 16: Northwestern University @ Duke University
Sept. 16: University of Washington – Seattle @ Michigan State University
Sept. 23: Ohio State University @ University of Notre Dame
Sept. 23: University of Arkansas @ Louisiana State University
Sept. 23: University of Mississippi @ University of Alabama
Sept. 23: University of Iowa @ Penn State University
Sept. 23: University of Oklahoma @ University of Cincinnati
Sept. 30: Louisiana State University @ University of Mississippi
Sept. 30: University of Notre Dame @ Duke University
Oct. 7: University of Arkansas @ University of Mississippi
Oct. 14: University of Southern California @ University of Notre Dame
Oct. 14: University of Arkansas @ University of Alabama
Oct. 14: Louisiana State University @ Auburn University
Oct. 14: Ohio State University @ Purdue University
Oct. 14: University of Iowa @ University of Wisconsin-Madison
Oct. 21: University of Tennessee @ University of Alabama
Oct. 21: Penn State University @ Ohio State University
Oct. 28: University of Pittsburgh @ University of Notre Dame
Oct. 28: Ohio State University @ University of Wisconsin
Nov. 4: University of Notre Dame @ Clemson University
Nov. 4: Louisiana State University @ University of Alabama
Nov. 11: University of Michigan @ Penn State University
Nov. 11: University of Pittsburgh @ Syracuse University
Nov. 18: University of Georgia @ University of Tennessee
Nov. 18: Wake Forest University @ University of Notre Dame
Tickets are on sale now in the United app or at [United.com](https://www.united.com).

United Becomes First U.S. Airline to Add Braille to Aircraft Cabin Interiors

July 27, 2023



United today became the first U.S. airline to add Braille to aircraft interiors, helping millions of travelers with visual disabilities more easily navigate the cabin independently. According to the Department of Transportation, about 27 million people with disabilities traveled by air in 2019.

The airline currently has equipped about a dozen aircraft with Braille markings for individual rows and seat numbers as well as inside and outside the lavatories. United expects to outfit its entire mainline fleet with Braille by the

end of 2026.

“Finding your seat on a plane or getting to the restroom is something most of us take for granted, but for millions of our customers, it can be a challenge to do independently,” said Linda Jojo, Executive Vice President, Chief Customer Officer for United. *“By adding more tactile signage throughout our interiors, we’re making the flying experience more inclusive and accessible, and that’s good for everyone.”*

In addition to adding Braille, United is working with the National Federation of the Blind (NFB), the American Council of the Blind (ACB) and other disability advocacy groups to explore the use of other tactile navigational aids throughout the cabin such as raised letters, numbers and arrows.

“We applaud United for taking an important step toward making its aircraft more accessible to blind passengers,” said NFB President Mark Riccobono. *“The flight experience is often frustrating for a number of reasons, one of which is the amount of information that is available exclusively through printed signs and other visual indicators. We hope to continue working with United to explore additional ways to make flying more accessible and less stressful for blind passengers.”*

For the eighth-straight year, United was recognized as a Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion and earned a top score on the Disability Equality Index benchmarking tool, a joint initiative of the American Association of People with Disabilities and Disability, to advance the inclusion of people with disabilities.

“United is taking additional steps to create an accessible airline passenger experience through braille signage,” said ACB Interim Executive Director Dan Spooner. *“We appreciate the airline’s continued exploration of additional in-flight navigational aids like large print and tactile indicators, and we encourage all airlines to follow United’s lead in making air travel more inclusive for the blind and low vision community.”*

The rollout of Braille to mainline aircraft over the next few years is the latest way United has worked to create accessible solutions for its customers and employees:

- ▲ The United mobile app was recently redesigned to make it easier to use for people with visual disabilities with increased color contrast, more space between graphics and reordering how information is displayed and announced to better integrate with the screen reader technologies like VoiceOver and TalkBack.
- ▲ United’s Inflight Seatback Entertainment screens offer a wide range of accessible features such as closed captioning, text-to-speech controls, magnification, explore-by-touch capabilities, audio-described movies, and adjustable and high-contrast text and color correction. As part of United Next, the airline’s historic growth plan, the carrier expects to take delivery of about 700 new narrow and widebody aircraft by the end of 2032, all of which will include the latest in seatback screen entertainment options.
- ▲ Through Bridge, United’s Business Resource Group for people of all abilities, employees help create a workplace environment where all can strive to achieve their maximum potential and support our commitment to being an ally for customers with disabilities.
- ▲ United’s long-standing partnership with Special Olympics provides employment opportunities to athletes through the Special Olympics Service Ambassador program, a workforce development initiative that provides a forum to work alongside Airport Operations and Customer Service teams to assist customers. The airline also supports Special Olympics through volunteerism, fundraising and travel support to attend national and international competitions.

United's Sustainable Flight Fund Grows to Nearly \$200 Million and Adds Strategic Partners

July 25, 2023



The United Airlines Ventures Sustainable Flight Fund – a way for companies and consumers to come together and increase the supply of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) through the support of start-ups - has increased its investment power to nearly \$200 million and added eight new corporate partners, five months after its initial launch.

American Express Global Business Travel, Aramco Ventures, Aviation Capital Group, Bank of America, Boston Consulting Group, Groupe ADP, Hawaiian Airlines and JetBlue Ventures, will join inaugural fund partners Air Canada, Boeing, GE Aerospace, JPMorgan Chase, and Honeywell.

United customers also have the option to contribute to supplement the airline's investment in the UAV Sustainable Flight FundSM when they book flights. Since the fund launched, more than 60,000 United customers have contributed a total of more than \$200,000.

SAF is an alternative to conventional jet fuel that, on a lifecycle basis, reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with air travel compared to conventional jet fuel alone. To date, United has invested in the future production of over five billion gallons of SAF - the most of any airline in the world.

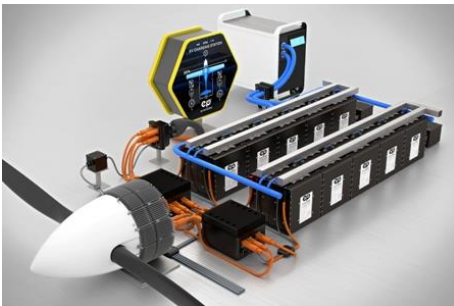
"While United can't decarbonize the airline industry alone, we can use our leadership and credibility in this space to rally others to join us," said United Airlines Ventures President Michael Leskinen. "Our new and inaugural participants demonstrate the impressive commitment within aviation and beyond to reduce our carbon footprint and combat the threat of climate change. As companies across the globe are increasingly looking for ways to reduce their environmental impact from flying, the UAV Sustainable Flight Fund presents a unique opportunity – instead of fighting over the current limited supply of SAF, with our partners, we're working collaboratively to help scale the SAF industry itself, and to get an equity stake in groundbreaking technology while doing it."

United will continue to recruit corporations across industries to join the fund and will prioritize investment in new technology, advanced fuel sources, and proven producers – all in an effort to help scale the supply of SAF. Partners also have the potential to gain preferential access to environmental attributes associated with United's future supply of SAF.

SAF, which currently must be blended with conventional jet fuel to meet regulatory requirements for use within the aircraft, is being made from used cooking oil and agricultural waste, and, in the future, could be made from other feedstocks including household trash or forest waste. Through the UAV Sustainable Flight Fund, United intends to invest in a variety of SAF feedstocks and technologies. With the right policy incentives to produce SAF, United's efforts could help build a future of sustainable flight.

United Grows Its Electric Battery Portfolio with Investment in EPS

July 21, 2023



United today announced an investment in Electric Power Systems, a company producing battery technology that can potentially be used for a broad suite of aerospace applications. Rather than producing battery cells, the company's compatible module technology can be adapted to support a variety of batteries, optimizing performance and safety. The versatility of the technology could allow United to consider EPS's modules for a number of near-term applications, and as part of its longer-term operations that support decarbonization. This is United's second investment in electric battery technology, after sodium-ion battery-maker Natron.

"Typically, we've had a clear vision of how to integrate sustainability investments into our operations. What makes EPS's technology different and exciting is the scope of operational possibilities where we have the option to deploy it today and, in the future, to help electrify and decarbonize our operations," said United Airlines Ventures President Michael Leskinen. "United's best roadmap to reaching net zero carbon emissions by 2050, without relying on traditional carbon offsets, is by using every tool at our disposal – that includes the potential use of EPS's impressive portfolio of electric aircraft powertrain solutions, including high-performance power electronics, and energy storage systems."

Electric Power Systems aims to provide a whole battery “ecosystem” for aviation, from the packs on aircraft to charging stations on the ground. This in turn is designed to keep costs low and provide rapid charges without degrading the life of the battery. Key to the entire proposition of electric aviation is designing a battery that can store a high amount of energy with as little weight as possible. If a battery is too heavy, it makes an aircraft uneconomic compared to conventional fossil fuel-powered planes.

“We are excited to collaborate with United Airlines Ventures as we continue to advance electric aviation technology,” said Nathan Millecam, CEO of Electric Power Systems. “United’s investment will enable us to scale our operations and expedite the development of our cutting-edge powertrain solutions. By working together, our aim is to revolutionize air travel and build a more sustainable future for the industry.”

United is exploring options to move its pilot training academy, Aviate®, away from internal combustion-powered training aircraft to electric ones. EPS’s powertrain could serve as the core propulsion system for a family of future electric aircraft concepts, starting with an electric trainer and scaling to larger variants as technology advances.

Additionally, United has more than 12,000 pieces of motorized ground equipment across its operations, of which about one third are currently electric. EPS’s battery modules could potentially be deployed in support of several uses, including:

- ★ Charging electric ground equipment
- ★ Charging anticipated future electric aircraft such as electric air taxis
- ★ Electrified auxiliary power unit (APU) start products
- ★ Electrified cold-chain storage product for cargo containers

United’s Commitment to Net Zero Emissions by 2050 ~ United aims to be 100% green by reducing its GHG emissions 100% by 2050, without relying on traditional carbon offsets. In addition to the UAV Sustainable Flight FundSM, United has launched a SAF purchasing program called the Eco-Skies Alliance and established a venture fund – United Airlines VenturesSM - to identify and invest in companies and technologies that can decarbonize air travel. These strategic investments include carbon capture, hydrogen-electric engines, electric regional aircraft and air taxis. In May 2023, United received validation of our 2035 near-term emissions reduction target from the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) to reduce our carbon intensity 50% by 2035 from a 2019 base year. This year, United became the first U.S. airline to show customers an estimate of each flight’s carbon footprint in their search.

United Airlines Announces Second-Quarter Financial Results:
Achieves Record-Setting Financial Performance
July 19, 2023



United Airlines (UAL) today reported second-quarter 2023 financial results. The company reported quarterly earnings per share of \$3.24 and pre-tax margin of 9.8%. The company set records on an adjusted basis with earnings per share of \$5.03 and pre-tax margin of 15.3%. The strong financial performance has accelerated the company’s efforts to restore its balance sheet, resulting in trailing twelve months adjusted net debt to adjusted EBITDAR of 2.4x, back to 2019 levels and ahead of its full year 2023 target of less than 3x. The momentum from the second quarter is expected to power the company to full year 2023 adjusted earnings per share of \$11 to \$12, up versus previous guidance of \$10 to \$12. The all-time quarterly highs in the second quarter and the bright outlook for the future are evidence that the United Next strategy to upgauge the airline, increase connectivity at its mid-continent hubs, and expand its industry leading global network is working.

The company’s second quarter performance also benefited from the strength in its network. In the second quarter, United’s domestic margins returned to 2019 levels while international margins were well above 2019. United continues to establish its position as the United States flag carrier, with a 27% increase in capacity internationally versus the same quarter last year. Looking to capitalize on demand for international travel, United announced earlier this week a second expansion of its Pacific flying this fall with new flights to Manila, Hong Kong, Taipei and Tokyo (Narita). The airline is expecting to maximize the success of its international business with the largest widebody aircraft order in history that it announced with Boeing in December 2022.

“The United team persevered through an unprecedented series of events at the end of last month. They are the best in the business and we’re focused on the important changes we can make, especially in Newark, to serve our customers even better,” said United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby. *“United’s financial performance in the second quarter and our outlook for the remainder of the year and beyond make it clear that United Next is*

working and is the right strategy at the right time. Our focus now is on executing that strategy well – because we know it will deliver huge benefits for our customers, our employees and our owners.”

United Announces Another Pacific Expansion for Fall 2023 Capitalizing on Unique International Strength
July 18, 2023



Already the largest U.S. carrier across both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, United today adds even more flights to the Asia-Pacific region, becoming the first U.S. airline to fly direct to Manila from the continental U.S. and adding more non-stops to Hong Kong, Tokyo, and Taipei. These new flights will start in October.

In total, the airline will fly long-haul flights to 15 different international destinations across the Pacific this winter. Excluding mainland China flying, United’s transpacific network will be 50% larger than all other U.S. airlines combined.

This expansion builds on the continued growth of United’s international network. Earlier this year, the airline made the largest South Pacific network expansion in aviation history – adding 40% more flights between the U.S. and Australia/New Zealand. And this summer United is flying its largest-ever schedule across the Atlantic, 32% larger than the airline’s 2019 schedule and 10% larger than the next largest U.S. carrier.

“United offers more flights to more destinations across the Pacific than all other U.S. airlines combined,” said Patrick Quayle, senior vice president of global network planning and alliances. *“United is the flag carrier of the U.S. and we are excited to bring this new service to Manila while expanding access to Hong Kong, Taipei and Tokyo.”*

Beginning October 29, United will fly between San Francisco and Manila. The airline is already the only U.S. carrier to serve Manila from Guam and Palau, and will soon be the only to offer non-stop service to the Philippines from the continental U.S. Additionally, starting October 28, United will launch new service between Los Angeles and Hong Kong, building on its existing services from San Francisco.

In Tokyo, United will resume non-stop flights between Los Angeles and Tokyo/Narita, adding to its existing service between Los Angeles and Tokyo-Haneda. The airline will also increase flying Taipei with a second daily year-round service from San Francisco, providing customers new time options to fly between the two cities.

Tickets are now available for sale on [United.com](https://www.united.com) and the United app.

*San Francisco – Manila, Philippines** ~ Starting October 29, United will be the only U.S. airline with non-stop transpacific flights to the Philippines, with the launch of its service between San Francisco and Manila. Adding to the carrier’s existing service to Manila from Guam and Palau, the new flight will operate daily on a Boeing 777-300ER, the airline’s largest airplane.

*Los Angeles – Hong Kong** ~ United is the only U.S. airline to fly non-stop to Hong Kong, and starting October 28, the carrier will increase its service with a new, direct daily flight from Los Angeles. The flight will operate daily on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner. In total this winter, United will have three daily flights to Hong Kong from Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Los Angeles – Tokyo/Narita ~ On October 28, United will resume daily, direct service between Los Angeles and Tokyo/Narita on a Boeing 787-10 Dreamliner. With its existing service between Los Angeles and Tokyo/Haneda, United will now connect Los Angeles to both of Tokyo’s international airports.

*Increased Flying to Taipei** ~ In addition to adding new routes to its schedule, United will also increase its flying to Taipei, beginning October 29. United is already the only U.S. airline to fly non-stop from the U.S. to Taipei with its daily service from San Francisco and will now serve the destination twice daily. The new flight will operate on a Boeing 777-200ER aircraft.

Australia & New Zealand Expansion ~ Earlier this year, United announced the largest South Pacific network expansion ever to and from the continental U.S. This upcoming northern winter, United will operate 66 flights between the U.S. and Australia/New Zealand every week. Highlights include:

- ★ Becoming the only airline to offer non-stop service to Christchurch, New Zealand with new service from San Francisco*
- ★ Building on its position as the largest U.S. airline to Auckland by adding four weekly flights from Los Angeles*
- ★ Serving as the largest carrier between the U.S. and Brisbane with a new route from Los Angeles*

- ★ Offering daily flights between San Francisco and Brisbane and Melbourne and twice daily flights between San Francisco and Sydney
- *flights subject to government approval

United Debuts Wireless Charging Onboard **July 12, 2023**



United today introduced a new domestic first class seat that includes a wireless charging station in every arm rest. The new United First® seat – which also features vegan leather upholstery, 13-inch seatback screens and 18-inch tray tables, Bluetooth connectivity, privacy screens and an ergonomist-designed cushion – debuts on its first 737 this month, and customers will continue to see it rollout this summer. The airline expects the new seat to be on 200 domestic planes by 2026, including 737 NGs, A321neos and 737 MAXs.

“This new United First seat is designed around the modern traveler – more charging options, bigger spaces for devices, food, drinks and personal items and extra privacy,” said Mark Muren, United Managing Director of Identity, Product and Loyalty. *“As we evolve the onboard experience, we're upending old industry norms and anticipating future needs to accommodate the new ways people live and travel.”*

In each United First new seat, customers can enjoy the following features:

Charge Multiple Devices at Once ~ Passengers can quickly charge their multiple electronic devices at once with three types of charging docks in each seat – wireless, AC household-style outlet and USB-C. The wireless charger is located in a compartment of the armrest to give the passenger line-of-sight to notifications and free their hands and tray table.

Larger, User-Friendly Seatback Entertainment ~ A growing number of customers prefer a two-screen experience where they use a personal device and a seatback screen simultaneously, so United is upleveling the experience. The 13-inch, high-definition screens are Bluetooth capable and include a remote for those unable to reach the touch screen.

More Space for Work and Relaxation ~ Designated space for devices, food, drinks and more make it easier for passengers to enjoy the full experience. A larger, 18 x 8.5 inch tray table features a built-in tablet holder and enough space for most standard laptops. With authentic Italian quartzite cocktail tables and bottle holders between each seat, passengers don't have to balance gadgets, drinks and snacks on one tray table.

More Private, Adjustable Seat ~ In the large seats upholstered with vegan leather, passengers will experience more privacy with a 11 x 19-inch divider between neighbors, winged headrests and tray tables that deploy from outer armrests to reduce passenger contact. The seat features a 5-inch recline range, adjustable aisle arm rest that lowers completely and an ergonomist-designed seat cushion that sits 1-inch lower to accommodate a wider variety of heights

In addition to installing the new seats, United will update existing domestic first class seats on more than 200 planes by 2025. United First seats on select 737, A319 and A320 aircraft will be redesigned with new seat cushions, vegan leather upholstery and winged headrests.

The announcement marks United's first update to domestic first class seat design since 2015. The new United First seat was built with a team of experts, including United's engineering and inflight teams, University of Michigan biomechanics researcher Dr. Matthew Reed and design firm Priestman Goode.

Torgy's Travel Tips – September 2023 **New Fare Discounts and a Refresher Course**



United has recently entered into an agreement with several carriers to *reduce* the cost of some ZED fare standby discounts. The normal OA agreement prices for Zone Employee Discount fares, are either ZL (ZED-Low), ZM (ZED-Medium) or ZH (ZED-High) all of which vary by carrier. Now, *ZN-Super Low* is available on the following airlines: Austrian (OS), Lufthansa (LH), Southwest (WN) and Swiss (LX). There may be more to come. There is nothing extra that you need to do when purchasing these fares as the calculation is done automatically. The new discount is for Economy fares only. As a reminder, to check out the ZED fare chart listing all airlines offering us standby travel, go to:

- ▲ ft.ual.com>Travel>Other Airline Travel.
- ▲ Click on the white box representing the first letter of the airline name and scroll down to your desired airline.
- ▲

If you have already purchased a ticket but not yet traveled on a Zed Low fare and the carrier now offers a Zed-Super Low fare, you must request a refund for the original ticket and repurchase for the new lower fare. No other refund method is available.

One last note on these new fares, you may also see a new category, ZX-Super High, on some charts. No explanation is yet available on if/when/who will participate in this higher cost category.

OK, so we've got the low-down on low costs offline, but what about getting the lowest cost on a UA confirmed space ticket? I recently discovered that my neighbor obtained a lower fare on the same flight I had booked using the *myUAdiscount*. We were booking our flights on separate computers at the same time, me using the United App on my phone and she using her laptop. At first I thought I must have misread the rules for using this benefit which offers us 20% off any fare offered to the general public. But on closer inspection (and some assistance from a WHQ source), I realized that United.com has a much broader, wider display capability than does the phone App. Fares displayed on United.com show **all** fare categories, i.e. Basic Economy, Economy, Premium Economy, Business, etc. But on the App, the user must first activate the Basic Economy & Restricted Fares slider button, which is located just below the purple Search Flights box. This is the only method to obtain the least expensive fare, both for us and for revenue passengers. Here is a screenshot with a circle showing the location of the slider button:

Hopefully this information will help you obtain the best available confirmed fare on UA. And remember, there is an added bonus for us when booking Basic Economy - we get 2 free checked bags! Revenue customers must pay extra. Go for it!

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

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

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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

ARIZONA

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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There is no report this month from the Phoenix Re-United's chapter of RUAEA.

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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A little cooler weather is happening in the Northern California area. I don't want to jinx anything, but, to date, no major fires have appeared and we are in the 1st week of August. Hope this trend continues. We cannot believe the Carr Fire in Redding just had its 5th year anniversary. It is unbelievable how time flies for all of us in retirement.

Carl Franke, our Vice President, led our meeting/luncheon as our President **Merritt Odor** was out ill.

Klaren, his wife, was at the meeting and we all wanted to wish him a speedy recovery.

The meeting/luncheon was held at a new place for the Northstaters. We enjoyed pizza and salads at the Round Table Pizza in Red Bluff, California. There were 16 members and spouses present. Carl gave a special shout out to **John & Pat Zoboli** who traveled all the way from Reno to join us. Carl thanked **Sharon Simonton** for setting up the meeting. Carl asked if there were any birthdays or anniversaries; **Vanessa Pratt** had a birthday in June and **Linda Delaney** had a birthday in July.

Carl asked if anyone had any funny flying stories to share with the group. **Shari Pitt**, **Chris Isbell** and **Katie Innocenti** shared some funny stories. Shari was a flight attendant and Katie continued as a travel agent after her retirement from United. She spoke about some travel experiences flying standby. **Sharon Simonton** also shared a story of her days in Customer Service.

John Zoboli spoke about the Reunion coming up. He also shared a story from his old United Airline stays. **Bill Simonton** asked a question concerning the slide that deployed on a United flight. That generated a lot of discussion from our maintenance retirees, **Vanessa Pratt** spoke about online security and digital currency.

A discussion took place about our next meeting/luncheon to be held in September. We usually want to have some sort of picnic event in the fall. It was decided to have our picnic at the Woodson Bridge Park in Corning. Everyone will bring their own lunch and drinks. Sharon offered to bring dessert which the group will pay for. Sharon will make the reservation with the Tehama Recreation Department and will send out notification to everyone.

Shari Pitt won the 50/50 raffle and **John Zoboli** won the \$15.00 lunch certificate. Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.

Calendar:

September 27 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM, Woodson Bridge State Park, Corning, California. Bring your own lunch. If you are in the area come and say hello!



CENTRAL COASTERS

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It has been a quiet month of July for our group. The only thing worth mentioning is all the news about UAL. I read where there is a shortage of pilots and 2nd Officers are not accepting Captain status because of scheduling problems. They are pretty much on standby if needed, so Captains are on call all the time.

All the heat affecting the country, not only people, but flight schedules also. I used to put up with heat living in the Chicago area, but nothing like what the country is going through now. I haven't heard from any friends in PHX or Texas lately, since they were happy to get out of California for better living conditions. As for living on the West Coast, the tourists are enjoying our temperature and beaches. The locals are staying away from the coast because of car traffic and parking problems. We will get our town and beaches back after Labor Day which can't come soon enough.

I received the August RUAEA Newsletter and as usual, it is filled with interesting information but sadly, I only recognize but one or two members. I was pleasantly surprised to see the Historical Stratocruiser featured and this brought back some memories. I never flew in one of them, but when I worked for NWA they would park them over night outside the hangar. When we got off our shift, a few of us would go through the plane since they weren't locked. NWA had similar cabin arrangements, as UAL, but the lounge would be the place we would visit. This plane had one of the largest engines made at that time, and I was told that they weren't powerful enough. I remember, more than once, when talking to the flights by radio, the crew would give me a list of gripes to be forwarded to the MSP maintenance base. Many times they were flying on 3 engines.

Did you ever wonder? Why do they have frosted glass on airplane toilet windows? Who knows — it's not like anyone's going to look in at 30,000 feet.

DESERT SUNBIRDS

Palm Springs Area

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There is no Chapter Report this month from the Desert Sunbirds Chapter of RUAEA.

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

EAST BAY DIABLOS



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Happy September to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this in early August, the San Francisco Bay Area has had heat waves every weekend since the Fourth of July weekend. Even people who say “I don’t mind the heat” are finding it hard to function in these extreme temperatures. The Bay Area is known for its many microclimates. Local weather reports list temperatures for the ocean, bay and inland. It is not uncommon to see a 40-degree difference between temperatures for Half Moon Bay near the ocean and inland cities like Concord and Livermore.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We also like Black Bear Diner because it offers a wide selection of both breakfast and lunch choices. However, they don’t take reservations and will not hold a long table for us in the back room. So now we now have a plan. The night before our meeting, I email our count to everyone. The first person there puts our name in for our group to reduce the wait time and so far it has worked out well.

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

Our August 7th meeting was held at **Diane Griego**’s lovely home in Concord with 11 members and one guest in attendance. This was our annual Summer Picnic meeting. Diane’s beautiful back yard reflects her love of gardening and green thumb. Tall redwoods shade the entire back yard and lovely plants and succulents line the sides of her yard. She has the perfect setup for entertaining, with plenty of room for gazebos and the buffet table. Normally our picnic is held in June but Diane was still recuperating from a procedure earlier this year. Thankfully Diane is feeling so much better now and was up to hosting our group. We have a catered lunch from Back 40 Texas Barbecue, and gosh is their food delicious. Once again we had chicken, spareribs, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad and green salad. Dessert was a beautifully decorated cake with a United Retirees theme and ice cream. We all got a kick out of the cake that said UNITE RETIREES vs. UNITED RETIREES. The Costco employee who decorated our cake is obviously not a frequent flyer. Ha ha!

Our regulars in attendance were **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska, Barb Cunningham, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Russ & Glenda Kennedy, Russ Schleske, Jan Soderstrom** and **Sue von Emster**. **Diane Griego**’s friend Jamie came down from Oregon and he was just a godsend helping Diane set up tables and chairs etc. We missed so many of our members who could not attend this month for various reasons—out of town, not feeling well, family obligations, etc. **Joseph McGhee** has decided that it’s too hard for him to come to meetings anymore. We will miss him terribly and hope that **Margaret McGhee** will still come to some

meetings so we can stay in touch that way. **Wilma Leather** is still laid up with a broken leg and I'm sure she is counting the days until the cast comes off. Their daughter in Boise has come down to help and Wilma told me she doesn't know what she and Joe would do without her.

It is with a very heavy heart that I report that **Ken Price** passed away on July 22nd, just a week short of his 90th birthday. Last month I reported that Ken recently caught Covid on a cruise from SFO to Alaska on the Ruby Princess. It really knocked him for a loop and he was in the hospital for nine days. He was the only one in his family to get Covid. With his typical wry humor, Ken said "I guess this version of Covid only hits old men." He was getting better and then came down with pneumonia. On July 19, I received an email from the "Wednesday therapy dog team" that Ken was in the hospital. He had seen her go by, but his daughter waved her away. He thought it was Bijou and me and he made her chase them down and come back in his room. I was scheduled to visit the next day, and in a case of serendipity, also on Friday to sub for another team. On that Thursday, Ken was having a bad day and was asleep. On Friday he had rallied and was awake, alert and talkative. My dog curled up next to him on the bed and we had a lovely visit. Ever the gracious Southern Gentleman, he carried on a lovely conversation until we had to remind him to stop talking and rest for a while! Sadly, he took a turn for the worse and died the next day at 2 PM. I am so thankful that I was granted one last visit with this wonderful man just before he passed away. The family is planning a Celebration of Life for the end of August. As of this date (August 7) I do not have the date or particulars.

Ken Price was a great storyteller. During Covid, you may remember that the correspondents were asked to write about articles of general interest because the chapters weren't meeting anymore. I asked my chapter members to send me stories so that I would have something to report. Ken jumped right in and, for months, sent me many informative and humorous stories. I received emails and phone calls from quite a few of you stating how much you enjoyed his stories.

Before lunch, our president **Russ Kennedy** conducted a short business meeting. We opened with saying the Pledge of Allegiance and having a Minute of Silence for **Tom Cunningham** and **Ken Price**. We discussed next month's meeting which is scheduled to fall on Labor Day. We voted to change the meeting to the second Monday, September 11th. After lunch, Russ Kennedy conducted the raffle and for the first time ever, **Diane Griego** won the money. We had a nice assortment of prizes in addition to the inevitable collection of wine. We also had a lovely collection of beautiful glasses etched with the United "tulip" design (the slanted U logo). Diane told me they had been the drink glasses in first class in the good old days of china, silver, glassware and linen tablecloths and napkins. We were all encouraged to take one home.

Last month I told you that **Glenda & Russ Kennedy** celebrated their 65th anniversary on May 6. Russ informed me that he made a mistake. It was their 56th, not their 65th. It's not that it feels like 65—he just transposed the number. I could not resist teasing him a bit about this!

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

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

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer's Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs!

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. On July 8, I turned in a whopping 1928 coupons! Incredible! I will be turning in my next batch on August 12. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are

sending coupons. Everyone is telling me that they are not getting coupons like they used to. It's really bad in the SF Bay Area and I'm glad that other areas of the country are still able to send coupons. This month I received coupons from **Rosalie Betschart** in OR, **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Barrie Hooley** in FL, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Jeannine Mooney** in SC, **Paul Pfisterer** in PA, **Barbara Sakely** in IL, **Sheryl Schubert** in CO, and **Jim Taylor** in FL.

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

- ▲ Monday, September 11 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. Please note the date change from September 4 to 11. Social hour starts at 11:00 and we typically eat at noon. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, September 1st.
- ▲ Monday, October 2 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. Social hour starts at 11:00 and we typically eat at noon. We order from the menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** by Friday, September 29th.
- ▲ Monday, November 6 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. Social hour starts at 11:00 and we typically eat at noon. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** by Friday, November 3rd

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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According to the Farmers' Almanac, the "Dog Days of Summer" are almost over. July 3 to the 11th of August are the days of peak temperatures and humidity, drought, thunderstorms, lethargy, fever, mad dogs and bad luck. Surely this means we have good weather coming up. We, here in the SFO area, seem to live in a Big Bubble. We have had very pleasant days but according to local weathercasters, temps in the 100's have been predicted. Two of the weathercasters have dogs with no birthdays to celebrate so they deemed August 1st National Dog Birthday – obviously they needed something to celebrate and to hope to have a better crystal ball to predict the elements!

Our Big Bubble starts up at the Gate (but is really red) that is Golden; swings down where we have an armada of Royalty (Queens, Princess, Matsons, etc..) flying clipper ships landing near the Island waters looking for Treasure; dinghies waiting for that round object hit by a Candle Stick over the wall; past a Field of Mills; watching silver cigar holders flying overhead (if we were meant to fly, the Man Upstairs would have given us wings!); welcoming a pretty young lady who Swiftly brought thousands of fans who camped overnight waiting for the large trailer to open so they could buy "Merch." – yup—a new word was created; rooms you could Rifle through in the Mysterious Winchester Abode; past the campus where you could Google anything; up to the Farm (we remember Leland) where (years ago) that magnificent white stallion, ridden by that young man dressed in his splendid regalia (feathers and all) brought the masses to their feet while the goofy marching band displayed their antics to the delight of the Red and White crowd who were bleached by the sun (the mascot now a silly looking "Tree"); up to the hills where the Springs are Crystal; down into the valley covered with blooms and vegies; over to the Maverick area so we can still surf while we Google; past the fast food building where you can get a beer; drive past a Park that is Sharp; could swim in a huge pool fed by the sea; wild animals who look out of their houses at the funny people looking at them; looking for Sancho as the Mill in the Wind sailed by; hours of fun (Laughing Sallie – can't forget her!) where we could Play in the Land; up the hill past a House on a Cliff; majestic Palaces (in Honor of Legions, of Arts that are Fine, that famous Hotel - where horse drawn carriages drove up to the portico to partake of the sumptuous Sunday Brunch); a tip of the hat to the Beefeater who stood guard at his Post Street entrance; a Lion that dances to drive evil spirits away; Red Lanterns and chopsticks used to partake of tasty cuisine; a Wharf where Fishers and Men get the Seal of approval from visitors from afar; back up to rows of crosses of those who have protected us – God Bless them All! Full circle we've come – we love our natural air conditioning that keeps us enjoying our "Bubble" so come see us – we'll share our wealth with you (and even sell you a sweatshirt so you'll stay warm!)

This is what we have in store for the next couple of months:

- ▲ August 28 – Sandwiches and goodies.
- ▲ September 25 – BBQ with side dishes from members – Barbara Underhills' famous baked beans, and more.
- ▲ October 23 – Pizza.
- ▲ November 27 – TBA – Pot Luck anyone?
- ▲ December 6 - Christmas Luncheon at BJ's Restaurant in the Bridgepoint Center. Details later.

The Colonel supplied our lunch today – his restaurant is a “fer piece” away from our meeting so could someone please swipe the recipe and maybe we can clone that “finger-lickin” taste! We had 15 hearty members show up: **Frank Minnick, John Garis, Bill & Diane Heinrich, Dee Peters, Gene Walter, Carol Slater, Vera Kina, Barbara Underhill, Lydia Rolfs, Pat Ortega, Bob Donovan, Charlie Bogert, Colleen Wood and Ginger Dahlberg.** Lots of socializing and laughter. Too busy having a good time. Stay well and keep smiling. Keep the Faith.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

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Well, here we are – enjoying the summer heat (!), picking fresh veggies (if you have a vegetable garden), staying inside in the middle of the day, drinking lots of water (well, it can go with other liquids) then taking that evening stroll after the temperature has cooled off some. July brings the fun celebration of our nation's beginning – how many of you were able to enjoy some good “picnic” food and watch a fireworks display on 4th of July? Our July luncheon was after that holiday, but it didn't dampen everyone's enthusiasm. **Angie & Frank Dellinger** hosted Hangtown Miners at a new (to us) restaurant in Auburn – Awful Annie's. Now, don't let their name throw you off, their food is delicious and the service was great. Our tables were set up in a separate area – you know, we can get a bit chatty! **Rudy Blazius** extended a hearty “Thank You” to Angie & Frank for us. The call for guests found us with three new faces: **Kevin Dinette** came with his Mom, **Linda; Bill & Jane Gibson** invited **Bill & Jan Krening**, Bill is a retired UAL mechanic. Welcome to all of you! Rudy asked if anyone had an anniversary in July, but no one does. So, we went on to birthdays! Had some good response here – **Rosemary Heier, Dave Garland** and **Irv Wolfram** get to put on their party hats and do some celebrating this month. Happy Birthday to each of you – and many more.

President ~ **Rudy Blazius** is such a great person to handle the office of Hangtown Miners President! Sometimes he comes up with rather unusual things to share. Today wasn't any different! This little tidbit came via **Dale Harper**; seems that passengers are reporting that “weed” (marijuana) is being stolen from personal luggage! Also he shared part of an article about a UAL pilot who is color blind and was not allowed to fly, Now the pilot is suing. “A United Airlines pilot, hired in April 2022, was terminated after less than two months at the carrier “because he struggles to discern different colors while flying at night.” The pilot is suing. He had just become eligible for long-term disability, and filed a claim. The airline says that his condition meant he was ineligible to be hired in the first place. The pilot was unable to fly less than a month after being hired. He “couldn't determine the colors of signals on taxiways” and couldn't fly at night. However he claims that there's “no evidence” he had this condition when he was hired, he could have developed it in the weeks that followed. The good news is that no one disputes that he shouldn't be flying. The question is, should United be on the hook for his disability claim?

“I lived in California as a teenager and my family was in the car business there. A mechanic in their repair shop cheated on his wife, and contracted an STD. He denied the affair, though, claiming he'd gotten the clap being bitten by a spider that was under the hood of a car he was working on. He was ‘all in’ on the story. His wife felt that if he was injured at work, he should file for workers comp. It didn't matter that's not how STDs work. They're called sexually transmitted for a reason. He needed to sell it, and that meant filing a (false) claim with California; and he got it. The state government helped keep his marriage together. In that case, my family's workers comp coverage got dinged with a claim it shouldn't have.”

One of our members shared that he is color blind and he figured out a way to pass his physicals even tho he couldn't see the colors.

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** didn't have anything pertinent to the Miners, but, he did start a bit of a discussion after watching a program regarding A.I. - Artificial Intelligence. JR was watching 60 Minutes and they featured robots playing soccer. You may have read or heard discussions about AI and how it is starting to take off – fast! As with any new “invention”, everyone gets excited and rushes to be the “first”, the “fastest”. But this is one area where we all need to slow it down, do the long term studies, evaluate the pros and cons before releasing this on our world. We need ground rules and we need to be sure they are enforced – not doing so could create a worldwide problem.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny**, who is always on top of things, let us know that our checking is doing well. This includes the deposit for June. We are on track for our Christmas luncheon and also to be able to donate to charities. If you're new to the Hangtown Miners, we try to donate to charities in the El Dorado County. Our Treasury's balance dictates how much and to how many charities we can help. So, Tom let us know that member **June McClain** donated a lot of tools as well as a couple tool boxes. These will be part of the tools Tom and Rudy are accumulating to donate to the Sacramento City College A&P Mechanic program. This program has been at the city college for many years. In fact, **Bill Gibson** attended this program 1965-67. Remember if you are straightening out your garage and find tools that you just aren't going to be using any longer (especially if they are tools to work on airplanes), please give Tom a call and he will make arrangements to pick them up. You will be able to use the donation on your income tax return.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** did not have a report this month.

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** was able to talk to **Dale Pope** before our meeting today. Dale said his Mom, **Doe Pope** is doing better but is still in rehab in Fremont. Doe recently celebrated her 89th birthday! Congratulations, Doe. We miss you and look forward to having you back at our luncheons. Suzanne brought a card that was passed around so everyone could sign it and add wishes.

Old Business ~ Rudy mentioned the Retired United Mechanics Reunion which is held in Minden, NV. This year the dates are October 3, 4, 5. The barbecue will be on Wednesday, October 4th. As in the past few years, we will be getting together on the grassy area at the Carson Valley Inn – the area between the RV parking and their parking lot. Hangtown Miners members, **Rosemary Heier** and **Jane Gibson**, are part of the crew organizing the barbecue. We are working with a fairly old email list (I get a lot of the emails returned) so if you want more information, please contact me and I will be happy to send it to you and add you to the list. My contact info is tired-dogs@comcast.net and my home phone is (925) 443-0905. A note has gone out recently and people are beginning to respond to let us know they will be attending. You pay for the BBQ at the event.

New Business ~ We didn't really have anything “new” to cover. So ... Rudy brought our meeting to a close, then shared some interesting (?) information with us. Here we go

Did you know? The History of the Middle Finger: Well, now ... here's something I never knew before, and now that I have come to know it, I feel compelled to share with my more intelligent friends in the hope that they too, will feel edified. Isn't history more fun when you know something about it?

Before the Battle of Agincourt in 1415, the French, anticipating victory over the English, proposed to cut off the middle finger of all captured English soldiers. Without the middle finger, it would be impossible to draw the renowned English longbow and therefore they would be incapable of fighting in the future. This famous English longbow was made of the native English Yew tree, and the act of drawing the longbow was known as ‘plucking the yew’ (or ‘pluck yew’). Much to the bewilderment of the French, the English won a major upset and began mocking the French by waving their middle fingers at the defeated French saying, See, we can still pluck yew! Since ‘pluck yew’ is rather difficult to say, the difficult consonant cluster at the beginning has gradually changed to a labiodental's fricative, and thus the words often used in conjunction with the one-finger-salute! It is also because of the pheasant feathers on the arrows used with the longbow that the symbolic gesture is known as ‘giving the bird’. And yew thought yew knew every plucking thing. Now will this get past our censors' censure? Wow! You just never stop learning new things!

And with that, Rudy put JR in charge and our raffle began. Winner of the donators prize is **Judy Fitzpatrick**! A well earned “Thank You” to all who brought items for our raffle: **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **McClain** – Pitcher & bowl/serenity lamp/beer mugs, tea pot/candy holder; **Blazius** – apple pin; **Heier** – wine; **Trebnik** – wine; **Bell & Nielsen** – ladies wallet; **Kenney** – beer glasses/lemon S&P set; **Martin** – Starbuck's mug & earrings; **Akin/Bauer** – eggs; **Kenny** – yard art; **Gibson** – butterfly; **DeVore** – coffee warmer. Also, **Angie & Frank Dellinger** had table decorations and each table had a plate of homemade cookies!

All of you stay cool, safe, happy and out of “trouble”.



RESANS

San Diego, CA

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This has been a summer of travel for the retirees. In spite of all the difficulties and frustrations with travel, it doesn't seem to be slowing anybody down. **Betty Tomaino** is cruising in Alaska and then spending some time on the mainland; she picked a perfect year to travel and enjoy their beautiful weather. Unusual for them! **Alex Cortez** recently returned from Egypt and now adds Argentina to his list! **Gloria Glaeser** is planning a trip to the Parisian Disneyland in December. **Roberta Berchtold** joined us after a long absence due to traveling. She is now going scuba diving in Indonesia and then on to Australia to visit friends and maybe more scuba diving! **Jackie Schwartz**, her daughter and granddaughters are doing a 3 generation "Girls Trip" to Hawaii.

We had 18 in attendance at our August breakfast.

September Birthday Celebrants are **Shakira Zamani** on the 15th and **Peggy Van Sickle** on the 29th. Peggy can celebrate her birthday at the Reunion with all of us!

As you are planning your wardrobe for the Reunion, we can still be warm in September, but October is not so warm, bring heavy sweaters or coats. You will still be in the swimming season so pack light.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Reunion (September 29th -October 4th).

If you are in the area we are planning on our Breakfast for September 7th, same place, the Pt Loma Cafe. October Breakfast is to be announced.

See you at the Dana!

Calendar:

September 7 - Monthly retiree breakfast; 10:00 AM. Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394.

September 29 - October 4 - Retiree Reunion (Convention) at the Dana Inn. We will be celebrating 48 years!

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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SACRAMENTO



The July gathering of Gold Diggers was at Mimi's in Roseville on July 26th. The lunch/meeting was hosted by President **Jim Simon** with 17 members in attendance. After lunch, Jim started the meeting with some officer reports, VP **Barbara Bertacini** announced that the August lunch/meeting would be at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville and hosted by **Marji Gabert-Milam**, there will be no meeting in September due to the RUAEA Reunion in San Diego, the Domaratius are working on the October meeting and then we skip November to have our Holiday luncheon on December 6th at Lucille's in Rocklin. Details will be forthcoming for all the events.

Secretary Ron Bertacini announced that there was one couple with an anniversary in July and that it was Vicky Enriquez and George Taylor with 31 years, unfortunately they were not in attendance. Ron also mentioned that Barbara would be retiring from her VP position for the 2024 year and to let Jim know if any member is interested in taking on the job. Ron also added that any member desiring to take on any of the positions to let us know.

Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that we are still solvent primarily due to the generosity of the members donating items for the raffle and also for the members participating in the raffle. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** was unable to attend but had let Jim know that she had sent a card of condolences to the Mitchell family regarding the passing of longtime member **Harold Mitchell**.

Historian **Francis Domaratius** had brought several books with pictures and data regarding the Gold Digger Chapter. Francis & Veronica had reorganized some of the material and they asked that if any member had more info about past members or other items to let them know. There was a lot of interest in the books and pictures. They were surprised to find only one picture of our past treasurer **Judie King**. Judie had been the Treasurer for at least 20 years before her passing late last year. Francis asked if anyone had other pictures or stories about

Judie he would like to hear about them.

Regional Director **Dave Garland** mentioned that he and **Robin** recently visited the Reno Chapter as part of his new duties. They had a great time visiting with the members and the weather was perfect. Dave and Ron also passed on information regarding the Reunion in San Diego in late September and early October. The latest information shows that we are way ahead of previous years with hotel bookings and registrations. Our room night commitment has had to be increased several times and registrations have passed the 100 mark. It appears that with RUPA and ARECA joining in on the Reunion that has markedly improved the attendance for this year.

Jim had a few historical facts for July 26 ... 1943 Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones was born; 1946 Aloha Airlines begins service from Honolulu Airport; 1952 Eva Peron, President of Argentina dies at the age of 33; 1964 Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa is convicted of fraud and conspiracy and in 1973 Johnny Bench of the Cincinnati Reds hits his 300th career home run.

We had a birthday roll off between **Dave Garland** and **Irv Wolfram** with Dave getting a few extra dollars. We ended the afternoon with our usual raffle with many interesting items.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Our July 13th Luncheon Meeting was attended by **Bob & Pat Scoble, Steve & Jacquie Foster, Bob & Mary Brown, Don & Joan Nesja, Mel Oberg, Michael & Anita Millard, Rosie Wall, Chris Fountain, Bob & Eleanor and Bob & Sandy.**

President **Bob Scoble** opened the meeting around 12 noon with the pledge of allegiance.

Old Business ~ Bob mentioned the 2023 Reunion in San Diego and the Mechanics Reunion will be occurring the same week. He said if you are planning to attend you should make your reservations.

As shared with everyone at the June meeting, **Rudy** has asked to be removed from being the Chapter Treasurer. He won't be able to attend meetings until **Elma's** health improves and going to the bank is also difficult. To support Rudy's request, I visited the bank after leaving the June meeting to do a little prework. The friendly folks at the bank briefed me on their requirements to update signature cards and gave me the forms needed. I was surprised that since we are a group, the bank requires a vote by the group and a copy of the minutes containing that vote to make changes. I was able to obtain the bank deposit slips from Rudy and deposit the money after meeting with Rudy at his home.

New Business ~ Following up from our June meeting I would like to ask for a volunteer or volunteers to be added to the chapter's bank account with a vote of the members present. **Pat Scoble** and **Sandy Brooks** volunteered to be added to the signature card. A motion before the members to add Pat and Sandy to the checking account was passed. Bob will coordinate with Rudy, Pat and Sandy to meet at a branch office to make changes to the chapter's signature card in the near future.

Treasurer ~ Bob was able to deposit the chapter income from the May and June 50/50 drawings in June. Bob updated the Treasurer's Report with the deposit and the new balance in our account is \$607.99.

Our next luncheon is August 10th at the same location, The House of Beef, 201 N. Third Ave., Oakdale. Hope to see you all there.

We always meet on the second Thursday of each month at various locations. If you have any questions about our Chapter, please contact our President **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 and he will be happy to give you information about our group of friendly people. We would be happy to meet you.

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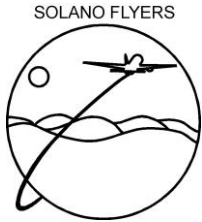
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There is no Chapter Report this month from the SFO/SJC Southbay Chapter of RUAEA.



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The Officers who attended the July 19th meeting are President **Larry Jackson** and Treasurer **Jo Anne Blizzard**. A total of 11 members were in attendance.

50/50 Drawing ~ \$1 / ticket, or 6 for \$5. You keep one half and deposit the other separated tickets in the ticket roller. The 50/50 was won by **Pad Gardner**.

Billy Blizzard celebrated his birthday this month.

Anniversaries ~ **Pad & Eileen Gardner** celebrated 24 years and **Lucy & Dio Perez** celebrated 54 years together. Congratulations!

Our next meeting will be on August 16 at the Hide A Way in Vacaville.

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President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Don mentioned that the Reunion registration has roughly doubled in size from past years; everyone seems to have a wonderful experience. This will be our first year to attend.

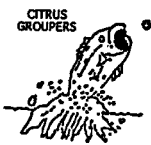
Martha Gooselaw fell and hurt her knee. **Bonnie & Matt Ohr** are celebrating 50 years of marriage.

The 50/50 winners were **Bonnie Ohr, Ray Shoultz, Lee Hansen, Yumi Trujillo, Rich Conner** and **Toby Burbank**.

The attached picture is from the Mechanics Breakfast on July 21st at Ted's Place. One mechanic, **Ray Shoultz**, was there; the rest are from the Gooselaw family.

Our next meeting will be held on September 7th at Ted's Place in Commerce City; come and enjoy the fellowship with fellow retirees and families. Hope to see you all there!

FLORIDA



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

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Another small group of retirees gathered on July 11th – seems these “really hot” summer months are killing us! Even our VP Ted III was on a cruise – just to cool off, I’m sure.

Pres Al brought the meeting to order and we all stood for the Pledge. Secretary Elaine reported that she had received an email from **Tony Lange** (MCOCS retired) with updated information on former Real McCoys’ couple, **Charlie & Sharon Ringer**. As you all may remember, the Ringers relocated to a nursing facility near SRQ. Charlie passed away last year, and Sharon’s family has recently moved Sharon to a facility in her home state of Ohio. Address: The Welsh Home, 22199 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, OH 44116. It has been a good move for her as Sharon has family just minutes away who can visit her easily.

Two birthday greetings for July – **Ted LeGrand** will be 88 on the 20th and our visitor from Atlanta, **Lori Fitak**, a mere child at 53 on the 31st! Happy Birthday to you both! ☺

Finally, Pres Al introduced our “Getting to Know You” guy, our own Song and Dance man, **Tommy Cannata** - to loud and long applause! TC was born in January 1947 ... graduated in '64 and entered the Air Force in '66. Tom was discharged, honorably, in '69 and began his UAL career on June 11, 1969 in BOSCG. From 1981 to 1983, Tom worked in BOSSS; then transferred to MCOSS. After 4 interesting years in Sales, he started in MCOCS, and was one of the best gate agents ever, until he retired, also on June 11, 2009! A great party was enjoyed by all of us ☺

Our August 1st meeting date dawned ... hot as ever ☺ Who braved the heat? **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand** and son, **Ted III, Dan Raciak, Al & Lois Fields, Stan Halterman, Joe & Barb Fitak, Al & Joanne Mollet, Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Mack Chandler, Robert A. Catton, Ernest & Cheryl Vosges** and guest, **Carl Motl**, a F/A. We sure hope that September cools off and raises our luncheon numbers.

Our guest today, **Carl Motl**, aka No tell Motel, shared that MCO will be/is a domicile to up to 300 F/A’s and 300 Pilots are also on the way! Get those applications filled out! Ha-ha! Carl also asked us if we were aware of Paulie’s Push, the F/A who has been pushing a food cart between various destinations every year to remind folks about the lives lost to 9/11. This year’s “push” is from Newark, NJ to Shanksville, PA. Maybe we ought to help him.

Birthday Balloons for **Stan Halterman** and thoughts & prayers for all our United Families.

Our meeting in September will be on Sept. 5th and in October on October 3rd. Hope to see many of you there!

Diner Food ~ A trucker came into a Truck Stop Café and placed his order. He said, “I want 3 flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards.” The brand new waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, “This guy out there just ordered 3 flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards. What does he think this place is, an auto parts store?” “No,” said the cook. “3 flat tires means 3 pancakes; a pair of headlights is 2 eggs sunny side up; and the pair of running boards is 2 slices of crisp bacon!” “Oh ... Okay!” said the waitress. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer. The trucker asked, “What are the beans for?” *I love this one.* She replied, “I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!”

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The SW Pelicans take the summer off and our next luncheon will be held on October 6 at our normal location, LYNQs.

Have a great summer.

Calendar:

October 6 – Luncheon

THE SAND DOLLARS

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There is no report this month from The Sand Dollars. If anyone has questions about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at ASDIP920@aol.com, or phone (941) 360-6671.



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Six members attended our August 7th meeting. We had no Birthdays or Anniversaries this month.

Janis Lindstrom passed around baby pictures of her grandson Lucas, who was born on July 10th. Janis is a very happy Grandmother.

We talked about **Helen Kacer** - she is home from hospital; it will take time for her recovery. Everyone signed a Get-Well card for her.

We had a very social meeting with talk and discussions about UAL.

I received a call from our RUAEA Regional Director, **Marge Stamm**; she would like to visit our chapter when she is in FL this winter.

We also talked about our picnic in October which will be discussed at our next meeting. Happy Labor Day!

Calendar:

September 11 – IHOP - 10:30. This is one week later due to the Labor Day on September 4th.

TREASURE COAST

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

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

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

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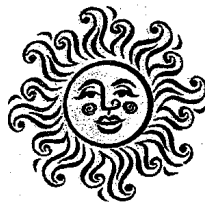
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Aloha from The Big Island! Pau Hana Kupuna is a very old RUAEA group which has become moribund. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to help me get things going again .. lunch meetings, potlucks, good times, and more. If you are interested,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

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

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September—ninth month of the year. If you had sex in January, this is the month you've been waiting for, or laboring for. Oh, you didn't? Ok, another month. Wouldn't it be cool to give birth to your great grandchildren? Wouldn't that be grand? You watch them, why not? Thank God for grandparents, at least the kids are getting some good advice on living, morals and lots of love. Thank you to all of you! Grandparent Day is September 10. The kids are back in school, time for traveling or resting in the afternoon. If any of you are planning a European trip, there is a change that will take affect in 2024. The European Union will implement the European Travel and Authorization System requiring all visitors from visa-free countries to obtain travel authorization prior to their departure. It's an online application process with approval delivered by email. Travelers need to fill out an online form with basic biographical information, travel plans and travel history, along with security questions. Most applicants will receive approval within an hour, some may experience a wait of 96 hours. The cost is approximately \$8, applicable to travelers of all ages. The authorization will be valid for multiple entries over three years or until your passport expires. Most of you have heard that getting a new passport or renewing your old one, is taking months to obtain. So if you're planning a trip, don't wait too long to get one. Some people had to cancel their plans this summer because they didn't get their passport in time, they had to wait over four months. Yikes!

Some September monthly holidays include, Baby Safety Month, Happy Cat Month, Healthy Aging Month (for us), College Saving Month, Head Lice Month, Mushroom, Piano and Potato Month, Save a Tiger and Koala Month, Alzheimer's Awareness month (we need more studies on this terrible disease), Cancer Awareness for many different types, prostate, blood, gynecological, thyroid. They've been studying cancer for decades and it's a shame they haven't found a cure yet. It's also Shameless Promotion Month.

I think we can find one that's worth it. The 1st is Emma M. Nutt Day, the first Phone Operator. I can think of so many people that should have that name! It's also Labor Day on the 4th, Rosh Hashanah is from the 15th to the 17th. Yom Kippur is from the 24th to the 25th. First day of fall on the 23rd, or the fall equinox, the 3rd is Pet

Rock Day, remember when we all had to have one? Somebody made a **lot** of money on rocks back then! The 8th is Stand up to Cancer Day, the 13th is Uncle Sam Day, the 16th is Guacamole Day, the 17th, Wife Appreciation Day (fellas, Very important day), the 22nd is Ice Cream and White Chocolate Day, the 23rd is Dogs in Politics Day (not touching that one), the 24th, World Day of the Deaf (What, What?) The 26th, National Voter Registration Day, the 29th, Ask a Stupid Question Day (for some this is every day) and also VFW Day, the 30th, Say Goodbye to September, welcome October.

The flowers for this month are the aster and the morning glory. There are two so you can decide which one you feel a stronger connection with. The gem of September is the stunning sapphire, it comes in many colors. Its meaning denotes wisdom, loyalty and nobility.

Since the Rose Garden was still not opened in July, there wasn't a breakfast to celebrate. However it is opened now, we'll cover the grand opening next month and tell you how beautiful it is and how many hungry breakfast retirees came together and enjoyed seeing each other again. I saw pictures, it's very light and airy and quite lovely.

The IAM Lodge 1487 had 102 members show up for their Fun Fair, and there was a lot of fun going on. First, our grilled picnic food, cooked by the Union's local executives. Then a lot of games, the horse races, corn hole, and the pail toss, (like Bozo's Game). The White Elephant sale also was popular with all of our 'precious junk' going to other members, for only \$.50 per bag. All proceeds go to the clubs coffers, to be used for our lunches and supplies. Everyone had a wonderful day seeing old co-workers and a complimentary lunch. There were four new members attending too! **Dave Roderick** is doing such a great job getting new members, or maybe they just want to see Dave's new puppy, Georgie. Next month is a 'Meet and Greet'. We all bring in something for lunch, either entree, side salad or dessert. Dave will list our 'assignment' in his next newsletter. Another happy event in August was the 53rd wedding anniversary for **Mary Ann & Al McGarrity**. Enjoy many more happy ones ahead.

The ORDMM mechanics had their breakfast at Maxfields in Schaumburg. The 14 attendees were **Paul Skrudland, Cas Paprocki, Boris Spitz, Don Kramlich, Dick Hoppel, Rich Protsman, Bill Durr, LB Neal, Fred Seibert, Jim Kraft, Frank Wenig, Walt Chornomaz**, and two that we haven't seen in awhile, **Bob Hardin** and **John Kovacik**. Welcome back!

They talked about the EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh at the end of July. It's the highlight of all flyers and aviation enthusiasts everywhere. OSH is the biggest Air Show in the world. Over 700,000 come every year for the week. Lots to see and do for the whole family. If you've never been, think about it next year. Many pilots fly in and park in rows with their friends; party time all week. My friend, Captain **Bill Thacker** and his family attend every year; they make reservations for next year after they get back home this year. This is a major party for all plain plane lovers.

ORDMM foremen had six attendees, **Bart** and **Sue Kendall, Jackie Anderson, Ann Pepper, Bob Smietanski** and **Glenn Hill**. Bart & Sue talked about their new one-story home and how they loved no steps.

The RUPA meeting will be at the Golf Club of Illinois, in Algonquin, on September 12, The speaker this month will be LCOL, Lieutenant Colonel Silver Oak Leaf, Ryan Yantis, 9/11 Pentagon survivor. I understand quite a few of our pilots went to OSH too. One man registered 21,000 steps on his Fitbit. Yep, it's **that** big.

We've talked about Scammers before. Had an experience last month, where I was on Facebook, got a request from an old friend, **Don Nielsen**, to accept him as a friend, why sure, why not? Without thinking, I hit the accept button. Afterward, I thought, that's odd, I haven't heard from him in a while, I wonder ... So I checked my bank account, guess what, there was \$55 dollars taken out for DSW shoe store. I don't shop there. I called Chase. They looked into it; the Rep said that on the same day, that DSW also requested \$110 and another \$55 purchase. They sent me to the fraud department, checked on it and removed the sales, and put back the money that was removed. Glad I check my statement daily, it paid off. Watch for any strange charges.

The Chase rep explained it wasn't necessarily taken out by a DSW employee. The scammer just uses a store, company, an unknown person, anybody, then keeps using it until they are found out. Then about a week ago, I got my Medicare Summary sheets. There were two charges from two different medical firms, both for Covid tests. I haven't gotten any boxes of Covid since October. Called Medicare, told them the info, she looked it up, lovely Ms. Love sent me to the fraud department. I spoke with Ms. Tiny, she asked for the names of the companies, she said, 'Already I can tell you it's fraudulent, I recognize the names, two companies out of Texas, right?'. Yes ma'am. So she is doing an investigation on them and will be asking them for our money back. How awful, you can't trust anybody anymore. She said "thank you", that I checked on these two Medicare entries. She said, 'You know these are your tax dollars that companies are stealing from you?' Yes, I was pleased with myself to bring these charges of both companies to Medicare's attention. Imagine how many dishonest people are out there that are getting away with things like this. Be aware and call banks, credit card

companies or Medicare for anything that doesn't sound right. At United, they always said, for customer contact people, 'If it doesn't smell right, check it out'. It's true. By the way, I love calling Medicare, those ladies are so kind and considerate, I've never had a nasty representative at their number, 800medicare. Some 800 numbers are not always that nice.

Life isn't about surviving the storm, but how to dance in the rain.

Our friends that flew West last month are, **Danny Masser**, ORDMM/PHXMM, **Lynee Douglas**, CHIRR, and **Laverne Lindquist**, ORDCR.

Notables gone from our lives are, actors, Pamela Blair (Loving), Andrea Evans (Bold and the Beautiful), Nick Benedict (Young and the Restless), Inga Swenson (Benson), Angus Cloud (Euphoria), Mark Margolis (Breaking Bad), Paul Reubens (PeeWee Herman), TV producer Bill Geddie (started The View, with Barbara Walters), director William Friedkin (Exorcist), Chicago businessmen Jim Crown, (Henry Crown Construction), Rocky Wirtz, chairman of the Chicago Blackhawks, he made the Hawks the team that won three Stanley Cups, singers, Randy Meisner (The Eagles), Sinead O'Connor, and the one and only Tony Bennett, 96, with a distinctive smooth voice who put his whole heart into the feeling of the lyrics. Even Frank Sinatra said Tony was the best. (Yes, one of my favorites)

Life is better when you're happy, but life is best when other people are happy because of you. Stay smiling, care about others.

Calendar:

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

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

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

RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of Illinois, 11:00A.M., 1575 Edgewood Dr. Algonquin, (**September 12**)

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Our July chapter meeting was attended by **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Frank**, **Ron Bretherick** and **Frank Ingegno**.

No new business was discussed.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

➤ **September 12**, Picnic at Washington Township Park (Tentative).

➤ **October 10** at Emmy's

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Happy Summer!

Thought for the month: "*Kind words are short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless.*" ~
Mother Teresa

NEBRASKA



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

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

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings whenever one is organized by a member. The Silverliners now are trying to get through the dwindling membership and lack of member support. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; he will be glad to hear from you.



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There were 11 members plus two guests at our July 10 meeting at the Black Bear Diner; our guests were **Dave Garland** and his wife **Robin**. Dave is our new RUAEA Regional Director; he replaced **Sonda Sandstedt** who passed away late last year. Dave also fills the position of Site Selection for the RUAEA Reunions. Dave introduced himself and provided a brief recap of his career at United. Dave mentioned that we are holding the Reunion (Convention) at the Dana in San Diego because no other hotel/resort is able to provide everything we need at a reasonable cost. To date, over 400 room nights have been booked, which indicates a nice turnout. This will be the first non-COVID protocol gathering, which probably has had some effect.

The 2023 RUAEA Reunion information, including tours and the banquet, for the retiree gathering in San Diego, were published in the June 2023 RUAEA Newsletter; it is also available on the RUAEA website, www.ruaea.org. If you need the info, please let us know and John will send you a packet to sign up.

Norm & Linda Borchers were able to join us this month. Linda had some medical issues but she's improving and she gets ready to start her physical therapy. It was good to see them again. Welcome back!

A copy of the obituary for **Patrick Flanagan** was passed around. He had been a member of our chapter for many years. His son, a Reno Justice Court Judge, passed away a few years ago. Patrick is survived by his wife **Janice**.

Pat circulated a menu from Biscotti's to make sure everyone was still interested in having our Christmas Luncheon at the restaurant. While the menu is pricey, the food is very good, and the service last year was excellent.

We hope to have the September meeting at Murrieta's Mexican Restaurant once again this year. We will also be making reservations at Biscotti's Restaurant for our Christmas Lunch.

A July birthday was celebrated by **Dave Garland** and the Birthday Boy also won the 50/50. Dave very graciously donated his winning to our treasury.

Our next meeting will be on August 14 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner. See you there.

NEW JERSEY

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Our monthly meeting was opened with a flag salute by President **Frank Worzocha**. A moment of silence was held for **Wayne Brooks** (EWR Ramp Service), and for **Arlene Fedorka**, the wife of **Richard Fedorko** of EWR Ramp Service who passed away three years ago. Richie was a strong member of the Garden Staters.

Franco Kokaska gave an update at what's going on at EWR, somehow he always gets top-notch information. Anyway, there was much table talk as usual; **Marty Etler** brought up the fact that our Garden Staters was started on March 7, 1994, we have been in business for 29 years. I would say that's pretty good in anybody's expectations. We started with about 20 guys and one gal, and now there are just four of us left. I always say the last guy out has to turn the light switch off.

When all of us look back on the years, we were tied together to make the airline work, and what a journey that was. I doubt if anybody would know United Airlines today as it was years ago. I came to work on March 23, 1953, and they were still flying DC-3's out of the old original terminal. In one of the last bulletins we got from **Dale Harper**, it said that they will fly about 150 million passengers this year. All I can do is shake my head in wonder. Anyway, that's enough of nostalgia!

Otis Moon won our 50/50, and for a change, there were lots of door prizes given out. I assume that's a sign

of prosperity.

Our next meeting will be on August 30, at the Stagecoach Inn in Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 12:15. Just a word of advice; there's nothing better than old friends.

From my memories ~ Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems like yesterday since I was young, just out of the Army at age 23, and thinking of marriage to start a new life. Yet in a way, it was eons ago and I still wonder where all the years have gone. I know I have lived them all, still I have glimpses of how it was back then with all of my hopes and dreams.

But time is now, and it catches me by surprise, just how did it get here so fast and where did my youth go? I remember seeing old people, and thought I was a long way from "that age", and could never fully imagine what it would be like to reach my present age of 94 years.

Each day now, just to take my daily shower has become a chore. Taking a nap is not a treat anymore, it's a must, because if I miss it I just fall asleep where I sit. Now as I enter the twilight of my life, with all its aches and pains, and loss of my strength, I am reminded of the full life I had with my wife Violet for 58 years and no, I have no regrets. While I don't know what my future will bring, I fear not.

Just some advice: Going out is good, coming home is better. Old is good in some things such as old songs and old movies, but most of all old friends.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"Facts are stubborn things, and whatever may be our wishes or our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."*

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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

NEW YORK METROS

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

We started our lunch with the Pledge of Allegiance lead by **Mario Lagasi**, grandson of our president **Ed Pozzi**. Ed had a reaction to an injection in his knee and wasn't able to attend. His daughter **Susan Lagasi**, a former United employee and now a JetBlue flight attendant, collected our lunch money. She also informed us that **Dominick Rizzo** passed away; he was 91.

Our 50/50 winners are **Skip Zarrotny**, **Jose Falcon**, and **Susan Lagasi**. Congratulations!

Donna & Ron Feingold celebrate 53 years of marriage in August.

Many members are celebrating August birthdays: **Elwin Vancleemput**, **Don Arnoni**, **Frank Ferrara**, **John Klos**, **Robert Lee**, **Rosemarie Arnoni**, **Stan Blonairz**, and **Barbara Maffeo**.

Hope to see you on September 6 at The Davenport Press for our next luncheon.

OHIO

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Hello everyone! We hope this report finds everyone doing fine and enjoying the summer months. We had a couple of thunderstorms in July that caused some wind and flood damage. But all in all, we were lucky with the temperature and storms. About the only bad thing was we were getting some poor air quality from the fires in Canada.

We had our August picnic on the first Wednesday of August, at the “Chalet” in our “Metro Parks” Valley Parkway, Strongsville. We had 63 in attendance, which is slightly higher than last year. We used to have around 100, give or take a few. I don’t think we will ever see that number again as the chapter keeps getting smaller and smaller for medical reasons or worse. The people are expected to bring a dish for 8 to 10 to share. The chapter supplies chicken, coffee, and bottled water. Any non-member (guest) must pay \$5.00. Everyone is expected to bring their own plates, utensils, napkins, and drinks if they don’t want coffee or water. The last 2 years we were buying our chicken breast and thighs from the same place for about 10 years, but it was not as good as it should have been. So, this year we switched to a new supplier that was recommended by a few of our chapter members. But President, **Dolly T.**, and Vice President **Judy S.** had checked it out and both agreed that this was the choice for us. We did have a lot of fun this year at the picnic visiting and sharing our summer plans or latest news.

We are contemplating returning to one of our old picnic locations in the Metropark system because of the cost. The Chalet has raised their price to \$500.00, and now, for 2024 they said they would have to raise it to the base price \$600.00. That’s just for the “Chalet”, and after we add \$50 for the use of the kitchen (refrigerator and freezer, coffee), the food, water, and other items the balance is just under \$900. Even the membership says that is way too much. We are thinking about going back to W.J. Green Lodge in Strongsville.

We have been checking on the new cruise ship, Lady Caroline, for a lunch cruise on Lake Erie. We came up with the following information. Lunch cruise details:

Duration - 2 hours; Boarding Time - 1 hour prior to departure; Adult Price - \$44.95 per person*, Child Price (11 & younger) - \$24.95 per child*. (*Cost per person does not include tax, gratuity, soft drinks, or alcoholic beverages). Schedule and pricing are subject to change without notice. They have a dress code for the cruise and it is business casual. Call (216) 696-8888 for the latest availability, rates, and pricing.

Our future luncheon schedule:

- ▲ September 6 – \$24.00 - Creekside Restaurant
- ▲ October 4 – \$22.00 - Mahle’s Restaurant and Lounge
- ▲ November 1 – \$20.00 - Shale Creek Golf Club
- ▲ December 6 – \$21.00 - Diamond Event Center Christmas Party

Come join us if you are in town, all United and Continental retirees and guests are welcome.

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month. You can email ualohbuckeyes@gmail.com if you are interested in coming to one of our luncheons or want further information.

OREGON

OREGON DEW-ER’S

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I was not able to make the July meeting but understand that it was another fun gathering with lots of conversation, laughter, and good food. No more news for this month so here is a bit of humor, with a little

philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ I was going to start off with a pun this month. A joke about airplanes, but realized it would not fly (sorry).
- ☺ I need coffee, a vacation, and a bag full of cash. That's all.
- ☺ I explained to my husband that I do not have too many books. They all fit in one box. He said I must stop calling our home a box.
- ☺ Every time a bird craps on my car, I eat a plate of wings on the front porch to show them what I am capable of.
- ☺ I tell my grandkids: You think you know stress? When I grew up, if you missed a TV show you just missed it. Forever!
- ☺ I'm looking for a moisturizer that hides the fact that I've been tired since 1998.
- ☺ I'm a person who wants to do a lot of things, trapped in a body that doesn't.
- ☺ I don't mind getting older. In fact, I'm darn proud of my age, however, my body is taking it very badly!
- ☺ Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it.
- ☺ It really doesn't matter if you don't like my personality, I have several more.
- ☺ It took me a while but I finally figured out what I want to be when I get older ... younger!
- ☺ Did you know that muffins spelled backwards is what you do when you take them out of the oven?
- ☺ Sometimes, especially when I am dieting, a chocolate bar will jump out of the cupboard, unwrap itself, and run all the way to my mouth. So rude.
- ☺ Just because I give you advice doesn't mean I'm smarter than you. It just means I've done more stupid stuff than you.
- ☺ I googled my symptoms. Turns out, I just need my hair done.
- ☺ I posted a photo of my clean house on Facebook. It was flagged and removed as "Fake News".
- ☺ Do they allow loud laughing in Hawaii? Or just a low ha? (Now that's a dad joke for sure)
- ☺ I hate when I put something in a "safe place" and then it is pretty much lost forever.
- ☺ I had my patience tested. I'm negative!
- ☺ I will never forget the look on the cashier's face, when she scanned the packet of bird seed, and I asked her how long it would take for the birds to grow once I plant them. Priceless!
- ☺ I suffer from MPD (Multiple Project Disorder).
- ☺ The only reason I am fat is because a tiny body simply could not store all this personality!
- ☺ I'm not sure how many coffees it takes to be happy, but so far, I can tell you it's not 12.
- ☺ Not all who wander are lost. Most of them are just looking for coffee.
- ☺ Strong women aren't simply born. They are made by the storms they walk through.
- ☺ I got pulled over by the police today. I was apparently his first speeder because when he got to my window he said, "I've been waiting all day for you." I said, "I got here as fast as I could." He let me go.
- ☺ If I went a day without coffee, I'd be okay. I can't say the same for everyone around me.
- ☺ I drink alcohol because no great story ever started with someone eating a salad.
- ☺ Happiness is finishing a phenomenal book and having another great one to move on to.
- ☺ When life gives you lemons, give them back and tell them you want coffee!
- ☺ I don't understand why people have to "get ready" for bed. I'm always ready.
- ☺ Me: I want to take a trip. Bank Account: I strongly suggest you find a job.
- ☺ I hate people that steal my ideas before I think of them!
- ☺ Premenisia: Noun "prime-ne-sia" 1: When you order so much Amazon Prime that you don't know what's in the box that was just delivered.
- ☺ Last night I went to sleep so late, and this morning got up so early that I almost met myself in the hallway.
- ☺ I have a "dry clean only" blouse that is about to learn some harsh truths about living with me.
- ☺ The true key to looking amazing is looking like crap most of the time so when you make any effort at all the contrast is more of a surprise!
- ☺ I want to be mad rich. I'm already mad, so I'm halfway there. I'm good at setting goals.
- ☺ When problems come into your life like nonstop rain, remember that your positive attitude will always be your umbrella.
- ☺ I'm in a competition with my lawn. We're both trying to see who can have the most brown spots by the end of summer.
- ☺ Reached the age where sleeping with the wrong pillow feels like I fell out of a 12th story window.

- ☺ I realized I don't need to hire a housekeeper to get my house clean. I just need a friend to text me and say they are stopping by in 20 minutes.
- ☺ Some people wake up and feel like a million bucks. Me? I wake up feeling like "insufficient funds".
- ☺ You do realize that we can only blame ourselves for all the crime and violence today. We removed all the phone booths and now Superman has nowhere to change!
- ☺ Why is it called "Beauty sleep" when you wake up looking like a troll?
- ☺ I love waving at random people because you know that all day they will be trying to figure out who I was and how they know me!
- ☺ I hate it when the dialogue in a movie is quiet, and I have to raise the volume but then the next scene sounds like a plane is coming out of my TV.

Calendar:

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

September 14 - 2nd Thursday of every month.

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WASHINGTON

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It was so wonderful to gather again with 35 of our members on July 25th for our annual summer picnic! Despite several weeks of clear, sunny weather, which is somewhat unusual for our Pacific Northwest summers), the day began with some clouds and cool temps. But by dessert time, the sun broke out and everyone welcomed the ice-cream and yogurt bars that were passing around. **Bonnie & Fred Frey** organized the repast with aplomb along with the capable assistance of **Ken & Judy Storey** and hostess **Kathi Skarbo**. This year we simplified the menu making it easier for our Olympia organizers (**Frey & Torgison**) to transport the fresh food all the way up to Burien.

President **Ken Storey** welcomed everyone and invited all to inspect his new Chrysler 300, which has so many gadgets that he'll have to go back to school to figure out! Never fear, wife **Judy** keeps Ken in check!

Some newer faces joined the crowd this time and it was great catching up with **Guy Bernovich**, **Ben Watson** and **Brent Wood**. Joining in the festivities were **Phil & MaryAnn Anderson**, **Shirley Claggett & Ron Paluch**, **Chuck & Sharon Cole**, **Virginia Dice**, **Hank & Sharon Gosselin**, **Jay & Heather Holland**, **Joe & Janie Johnson**, **Ed Karr**, **Noreen & Dick Krawczyk**, **Gay & Ed Liese**, **Frank & Fran McAnulty**, **Sid Reynolds**, **Betty & Arnie Schaetzke**, **Ken & Marsha Tank**, **Kathie Torgison**, **Llyod Townes** and probably a few more that I forgot to write down!

Frank McAnulty regaled us with some great stories of his life and career, keeping us all in stitches when he explained his first job, post college, was interviewing and hiring UA flight attendants. But the college he had just left was *seminary school* – and every female looked wonderful to him after 4 years of that environment!

Hank Gosselin gave us a great update on RUAEA and the upcoming Reunion in San Diego. Hank explained how much care and concern goes into making these events such a success and how lucky we, as Retirees, are to have WHQ send benefit reps to our reunions. No other group has been granted this privilege and we certainly want to show our appreciation by attending the reunion. The hotel still has rooms available and everyone comments about how great the facility is.

Ken Tank informed us that some new, lower standby fares have recently been negotiated between UA and several OA carriers. These ZED fares are called “Ultra Low” and you can read more about them in this issue's **Torgy's Travel Tips**.

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



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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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The summer is almost over and our September 13th meeting is coming up soon. I hope everyone is as happy about our upcoming get-together as I am. Many of our members took vacations, which included visiting family and friends, cruises to wonderful places and flights to places far away. **Kerrie & Dutch Schneider** took a long delayed 50th anniversary cruise to Alaska; they had a fabulous time and were so happy to finally take their “COVID delayed” adventure. The vacation was much needed and well deserved. Upon their return, and a few weeks to recuperate, they found themselves spending a lot of time at the hospital for a planned surgery for their teenage grandson, Daniel. It was major surgery but young Daniel made it through with flying colors. He maintained his usual easy-going and brave nature. He is home now and doing very well.

In July 2002, I fell down our stairs and was unconscious; I was taken to the hospital by ambulance and suffered with brain bleeds. There were no broken bones but there was massive bruising and loss of short-term memory. To this day, I do not remember the fall or the following day. I made an appointment with my primary doctor, who, in turn sent an order for physical therapy. She called Fox Rehab, and ordered three therapists (PT, OT and Critical brain therapist) to come to my house 3 times a week for 8 months. It was time for me to be well because my husband, **Dan Per-Lee**, had major surgery on December 19, 2002 and spent a few days in the hospital. On December 20, 2002, I woke up to his struggling for breath. I rushed him to the ER and he was readmitted, and taken back to surgery. He had massive numbers of blood clots shooting to his lungs. The doctor was able to remove all of the large clots, and started a medication to eliminate all of the smaller ones. During the time of his recovery, I noticed that a pain in my neck was getting worse and more consistent and my hands were going numb. A visit to the orthopedic doctor and an MRI showed that I needed surgery because of damage to my upper spinal cord. I asked if the fall had caused the damage and was told “no” that the problem with the spine is probably the reason for my fall. (Good to know). Recovery has been slow but is almost complete. I am telling y’all all of this to explain why and to ask for forgiveness for having missed a couple of deadlines. If the Lord be a willin’ and the creeks don’t rise, I’ll be better in the future.

I was well enough by June to finish planning our end-of-the year celebration and to attend this party. It was a huge success and a great send-off for the summer. The group was smaller than years passed. There were 46 members in attendance and we all had a wonderful time. We returned to the Bungalow Lakehouse for a wonderful and plentiful buffet. Our President **Carl Alford** gave bottles of wine to each of our volunteers in gratitude for all that they have done to keep our chapter functioning, relevant and fun. Our volunteers are **Cheryl Macdonald** and **Gunn Chencinski** who sell the 50/50 tickets and pass out the door prize tickets; **Ruth Blackwell** and **Mary Beth Collins** send out birthday and anniversary cards; **John Beckett** is our chapter photographer; **Ruth Blackwell** and **Marie Libby** have donated their paintings and their hand made afghans as fund raisers; and **Linda Scriven** as past President. **Alice Feng** has also made donations to the chapter for the purpose of raising money into the bank for our end of the year celebration.

A basketful of snacks and goodies was given to our President by **Judy Dunlap** and **Kerrie Schneider**. Carl and Mary Beth made beautiful baskets for our door prizes and for the Chinese Raffle. **Betty Williams** was the lucky member to receive the door prize. The raffle winners were **Cheryl Macdonald**, **Laura Petit**, **Tammy**

Alvarez, Sandra Bateman and Mary Beth Collins. Martha (Mert) Rudolph won \$115 in the 50/50 raffle and returned \$50 to the Loungers Treasury. Every attendee left with a goodie bag to enjoy later. June, July and August birthdays were celebrated with a couple of Happy Birthday songs and two beautiful cakes.

NATIONAL

CLIPPED WINGS



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As retired UAL employees, we all look forward to traveling and using our well deserved benefits. There are constant changes and there is one looming in the near future! Beginning in 2024 all short-term visitors to the EU (90 Days or less) will be required to obtain an electronic code that is linked to your passport. ETIAS

(European Travel Information and Authorization System) is an electronic screening system for passport holders who were once granted visa-free access to the European Union (EU) will now have to apply before travel to the EU. The purpose is to enhance border security to the EU. Once you obtain your ETIAS, it is valid for three years or until your current passport expires, whichever occurs first. It is free for 18 years of age and under and 70 years of age and older. All articles suggest you check beginning in November 2023 and forward, before you travel to or even through the EU, to see if the program has been implemented.



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Clipped Wings is a 5013C and we welcome new members to one of our 26 chapters. Please go to our website at www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org for more information about this philanthropic and fun group of former, current and retired United, United Express and Continental Airline flight attendants.

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- 5) Address

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

Retiree – **Bird, John J.**, on 6/12/2023, SFOEG, husband of Anita Bird (deceased), father of John and Carol and grandfather of Bryce, 1333 El Centro Ave., Oakland, CA 94602

Retiree – **Gascon, Leonard**, on 7/30/2023, SEACG, husband of Shirley Gascon, father of sons Vincent, Nicholas and Leonard, 10108 Cadillac Ave., SW, Lakewood, WA 98499

Retiree – **Masser, Daniel I.**, on 7/7/2023, PHXMM, ORDMM, husband of Gail Masser, father of son Barry and daughter Heather, 13256 N. 56th Ave., Glendale, AZ 85304

Retiree – **Rizzo, Dominick J.**, on 7/30/2023, LGAJL, husband of Geraldine Rizzo, 233 N. Main St., New City, NY 10956

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:

Marlene Anderson, Nancy Bain, Albert Bentham, John Bennatts, Thomas Bernard, Ted Beth, Judith Bird, Carlton Brown, Jean Cali, Ronald Clark, Jo Ann Greenwood, Charlie Hafner, Larry Hoover, Ester Horompoly, Janet Jolly, Mary Keenan, Marlene Koerner, Mel Manrose, Jane McComb, Ron Miller, Doris Nakanishi, Juliet Nickl, Merrillon Pinna, Edward Pozzi, James Whitman, Alice Roe, Dennis Schaar, Nancie Scriven, Joretta Schneider, Joan Teister, Susan Thornton, Barbara Weir, Norman Wood, Irvin Wolfram, and Cheryl Zerkle.

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.)

Lois Pitman, 12215 SW Davies Rd., Beaverton, OR 97008

I sure was absent minded on paying my dues this year.

I do pretty well at 86 years old keeping up with daily needs and adventures. But I sure 'dropped the ball' on this one.

My garden keeps me quite busy and is doing very well even with a slow start.

I appreciate all the volunteers and their efforts for RUAEA.

Here's to good health and happiness for another year!

Linda Ward, 1111 S. 70th St., Lincoln, NE 68510

Thanks to all the volunteers for all you do.

You messaged me that my magazine was returned, thank you. I didn't realize the Post Office had taken me off their address list. Thanks to you, the problem was solved much earlier. I just received my July edition.

Inara Witt, 3554 Idlewood Dr., Kelseyville, CA 95451

I so much appreciate the news of my UA buddies wherever they are, and the news of what is going on in the company.

I just hit the big 90! My traveling days are over. I just enjoy reading about where everyone else is going.

Notes

Fredrick Schnittker

The Lord has given me 83 years and I am still active and blessed with a wonderful family.

Irmgard Barrows

Irmgard Barrows and her husband **Don Barrows** both worked for United Air Lines. Irmgard is now 103 years old and lives inside the beautiful gated golf community of Heritage at Eagle Bend. Irmgard worked in the mainliner gift shop for many years and her husband Don was an accountant for United for many years. Irmgard, known to many as just Imme, still to this day holds the RUAEA group and United Air Lines dear to her heart.

Doreen P. Roberts

I retired from UAL in 2002 and traveled worldwide for training in Holistic and Integrative Health; I'm working with Torrence Memorial Medical Center, Chiropractor's offices, as well as my own practice. I moved to the desert and started volunteering with hospice and continue with my practice. What RUAEA means to me is keeping our UAL family together and helping each other with all the changes in travel, benefits, PBGC, etc.

Audrey Alexander

United is fantastic. I've been retired for 20 years.

Donna M. Miler

I'm trying to keep up with current events within the airline, now that I have retired.

John W. Francis

I'm taking life easy and keeping in touch with United.

Janet Francis

John P. Francis passed away peacefully away on April 20th. He suffered with Parkinson's Disease for 8 years. He retired as a 777 captain at ORD in 2000. Our daughter, Joanna, and son in law, Mark Wilson are also United pilots. I want to continue to receive the RUAEA newsletter.

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A DC-8 Cargoliner being loaded



The interior with rails for Cargo Pallets

Three examples of the DC-8 Cargoliner are active today. - One of these classic Quadjets is a DC-8-73 (CF). It initially entered service with TransAmerica Airlines in April 1970, making it an impressive 53 years old. As an example, the DC-8-55 (CF) Main Deck Cargo Capacity was thirteen 88 x 125 inch pallets.

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