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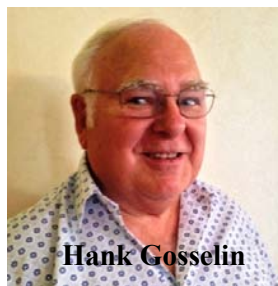


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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the Vice President - Conventions



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks,
I thought I would inform you on our site selection and hotel negotiations for conventions. Most importantly, we need a RUAEA chapter in a city to volunteer to hold a convention. The site team then looks for a hotel that meets our needs. Not

to be really specific, our needs include banquet rooms, meeting space, and a number of rooms available. Next, if we see a hotel that meets our specific needs, we negotiate room costs, room nights, parking, breakfast, etc. With that said, we need all our meeting space, banquet room, and hospitality room to be free of charge; which usually happens if we meet the hotel requirements. This includes a fixed number of room nights along with a food and beverage minimum.

This year our Site Committee Chairman, **Dave Garland** with help from **Ron Bertacini** was able to get free parking, waived resort fee, free breakfast, and at a great room rate. Of course, our contract required the minimum room nights and a food and beverage minimum.

Why I mention this is to explain the value you get at the convention. At our RUAEA Banquet Dinner, you get a sit down served dinner, salad through dessert. Along with that, entertainment is included and of course a free banquet room and set-up; all that for a reasonable price.

Try that most anywhere for a spectacular night out with friends. The bartenders are free if we spend \$300.00. I realize not everyone drinks alcoholic beverages but alternative drinks are available.

Another event is the Benefits Panel which RUAEA is the only retirement group to have one. It has been a success year after year keeping us updated on our precious benefits.

So please look at what we have in store for you at the San Diego Convention for a modest price. Yes, we will have tours for you to take. San Diego is a wonderful city and an outstanding location. To have a successful Convention we need you, your participation, along with your relatives and friends, who can attend if you invite them. Hope to see you there.

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA Vice President - Convention

The Writers' Column ~ United 727 Restoration Project At The Chicago Museum of Science and Industry By Jan Gawenda

Most Chicagoans have been to the Museum of Science and Industry on South Lake Shore Drive, at least once in their life. It's a great place to take your children, grandchildren and even beyond. Heck, it's great for us alone! There is a wealth of information in that building. It was built in 1893 during the Columbian Expedition, then it was opened in 1933 during the Century of Progress. My mom still has a little white stick from it, with a red knob on top, and a little sticker on it, 1933, which fell off many years ago. Since then I've been there many times, then took my friends and nephews once they were old enough. Their exhibits are endless, the presentation of the displays are so artistic.

Back around 1992, the Museum invited the 'Hometown Airline', to donate an airplane for their Transportation Gallery. United happily said, yes! Getting it there was quite an ordeal, but as usual, we came flying through. First, we took off from ORD, landed at the now extinct Meigs Field. Boeing plane 7017 was put on a barge to Burns Harbor, Indiana, where it was prepared for the exhibit, and then taken back by barge to the Museum. I understand it was there for about a year. The wings and engines were removed so it could cross Lake Shore Drive, get through the parking lot and into the front door with it's massive columns. They even had to dismantle the columns to get the fuselage through. Traffic was tied up for hours at 57th street and LSD. I taped it on my VCR, from the news at 5, 6, and 10. It even made the national news. I remember looking at the 'in-charge' supervisor's face, who was always so sure of himself, he was probably thinking, 'Now what? What are we doing, how did I get volunteered for this?'

Once it was in place, they attached it to the second floor with three steel I-beams that are built into both the balcony and the plane. The plane itself weighs less than the weight of the parts of the balcony they had to cut away to make it fit. They had to reattach the right wing on the plane, and have opened doors on the left side so people can walk in and out of the aircraft, from the second floor. The exhibit, 'Take Flight', was opened in 1994, to the delight of thousands of people. Some are afraid of flying, this puts them at ease, they can sit and enjoy without their knuckles getting white. A few times an hour, the plane goes through sounds and motions of take-off, turbulence, and in the cockpit, you can watch the dials and the screens, how other planes are preparing to land. These are the same screens the Air Traffic Controllers can see. The cockpit is surrounded by plexi-glass, but you can see all the dials and instruments inside. There are three sections, Aviate, which show the

flight instruments, Navigate, navigation instruments, and Communicate, radio instruments. There are buttons on the outside of the plexiglass that we can push to activate lights that shine on all three. That way, when you hit, Activate, the light shines on the altimeter, attitude and vertical gauges. The same goes for the other two buttons.

Inside, the aircraft is divided into three sections. The front shows first class, with the seats from 1964, an orange color cover. The second section is called, Environment, it has information on the walls, showing answers to questions of the weather, turbulence etc. The third section has bare walls showing the structure of the inside of the plane, the 'innards', what goes into the walls between the outside and the nice white walls that we sit next to. Wires, insulation, fun things. Then we have the back stairwell, it actually opens and is used as another exit. Anybody remember D.B. Cooper? The man who threatened a Northwest Airlines plane in 1971, that he would blow up the plane with a bomb. They landed in Seattle; he exchanged the 36 passengers for \$200,000 in \$20 bills. He kept the crewmembers; they took off for Mexico City. Somewhere between Seattle and Reno, he jumped out of the plane from the back stairwell with a parachute and the ransom money. He was never found, some money was recovered years later, but no other sign of DB. On the back of 7017, there is a plaque that says, 'This is where DB Cooper jumped out from a Northwest plane'. Wild story, and it really happened. United put up the plaque so we could see what this man did. Crazy! On a side note on the 727's, if you look on the lower left hand side of the fuselage, there is a vane that is actuated by wind force in flight and it actually locks the air stairs so they can't be opened. It was installed as a result of DB Cooper's escape. The name of the vane? You guessed it, the Cooper vane.

On the floor, parts have been cut away and plexiglass installed so you can see the cargo compartment, and where all your lost luggage is. Even the black box is visible, and outside, the landing gear is operational, twice in an hour. Fabulous show! Our Captain **Ken Voelker**, from ORDFO, is the team leader of other merry men from FO, and they stand in full uniform by the plane, explaining different functions of the 727, answer lots of questions, and hand out pilot-wings to the young visitors. The kids (of all ages) love it. Back in 1964, the aircraft controls were physically linked to the flaps and other parts by cables and hydraulics. Now, all of those connections are by electronic signals and computers. Progress.

Our own **Oscar Munoz** is on the Board of Directors at the MSI, he walked through the plane recently, and thought, this is showing its age. Nothing had been repaired or updated since the opening. It was definitely

looking worn, even Ken could see the deterioration, and told the company. Oscar made arrangements with our Aircraft Maintenance department at ORD, sent three of their finest mechanics and started the ball rolling to upgrade, repair and clean 7017. The exhibit closed in October of 2020, and the work began. **Garrett West**, Managing Director of ORD Maintenance, **Jeff Heisler**, **Jim Fitts** and **Bruce Peleschak**, went to MSI, evaluated what was needed and started their plans. They had to get all those parts working so they could do virtual take-offs, landings, etc. all the parts were not looked at for 27 years. Many parts were not even available, so they had to manufacture parts at the UAL Hangar.

If you've been to the Transportation Gallery, you know there are other planes hanging from the ceiling, an old locomotive, a gondola that went into the stratosphere, and one of their main attractions, a miniature train that encompasses thousands of feet on the floor, right under our 727 wing. The train ain't moving, and we were not moving tons of our steel, so arrangements had to be made. The museum built scaffolding over the train so our men could reach the engine. Every day they were afraid that they would drop something on those trains, probably worth a million or two. There was a 50 foot ladder attached to the scaffolding so the men could go up and down daily. You can see it in the photos on the back cover. On the Number three engine, they had to set the reverser onto the scaffolding, remove the actuators that were leaking and bring those back to the field to repair, in order to have all those parts moving. They also worked on the thrust reverser. It all weighs about 400-500 pounds. They brought in a flat bed truck, put it next to the plane, and transferred the actuator onto it. Then back to ORD and repair this 57 year old part. As I said, they tried to find parts for the plane, but none were found quickly, so the men built new parts. They made five trips to the MSI, during the pandemic, it was closed for a while, then on Monday and Tuesday, so that's when they could work safely without visitors around. The museum also had a cleaning company come in, they cut the holes in the floor, put in the plexiglass, replaced the seat coverings, cleaned the cockpit, fixed the lighting, and put in other little extras, a little 'spit and polish' to the inside and outside of the fuselage.

After their engine work was accomplished, they had to go back to MSI with all the repaired parts and put them back where they found them. (Just like at home). This was a **big** deal. Jeff mentioned they were glad the repair wasn't on a thrust reverser in service, since those are filthy dirty, this was nice and clean; Jeff, Jim and Bruce devoted weeks to this project. This was their life, and they are very proud of their work. I hope you can visit and see the new and improved 727, #7017, the 17th plane Boeing built in 1964. At least you know all the

work that went into it. Thanks to Oscar, Garrett, Ken, and ‘the boys’. Jeff, Jim and Bruce, our pride and joy display there is beautiful again. I can hardly wait to see it in all its glory. It’s been over 27 years, since the grand opening. Now my nephew, Chris, whom I took there numerous times, can take his twins, and enjoy it, just like we did.

I’d like to thank **Edie Heisler**, EXOCA, for telling me about this major repair project that her son, Jeff, and team, were part of. This is a great story that I’m so proud to pass on to you. The more I mentioned what I was writing about, more people were so willing to share anecdotes of this ‘honey-do’ job.

Hope you can visit, there are so many other exhibits to see. At Christmas, in the main Gallery, they have trees decorated from all over the world, it’s so spectacular. Right now, they have an exhibit of Marvel comic books, even the original magazine, and costumes from some of the Heroes movies on display.

(The pictures are on the back page. They were taken by **Jim Fitts** and printed with his permission).

Farewell from Oscar:
Keep the ‘New Spirit of United’ alive
May 26, 2021



United family,

Wherever you may be in the world when these words find you, I pray they find you well. I hope they reflect the high spirits we all feel as we welcome this season of renewal and hope.

That is the sense of optimism with which I write this note to you, my final act as chairman of United.

I want to thank you for keeping faith with me, our leadership team and with one another.

We love what we do because we see it as much more than just a way of making a living. It’s a way of life. As I often say, if you try to explain the magic of United to outsiders, no explanation is sufficient. But, for all of us who’ve been on this journey together, at least since 2015, no explanation is necessary.

It’s the thousands of high-fives and hugs as we pass one another in the terminals. It’s exchanging of family updates, sharing photos of newborns and news of high school graduations, trading jokes and gossip during those quiet moments in galleys during long-haul flights.

It’s that moment when you’re strolling down the streets of a foreign city, somewhere in our far-flung network, only to serendipitously cross paths with a fellow United person, smiles and handshakes abounding.

It’s the proud feeling we get when wearing a United shirt at family gatherings, or at little league games, and people want to tell us how much they enjoyed flying with United on their most recent trip.

At the end of the day, the magic of United is to know that wherever we happen to be in the world, we always feel at home, comforted and confident in knowing that members of our global family are never far away. Most of all, we know that we make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.

Likely, by the time this letter lands in your inbox, I will already have taken up my new role. I make this move not without the bittersweet emotions and floods of memories that accompany the opening of any new chapter in life. All the same, I find myself filled with a boundless faith in our future. It is a faith born of my absolute confidence in the leadership of Scott, Brett and our executive and officer corps. Great captains are never made by calm skies, so the saying goes. Before the pandemic, I stated that this leadership team was the “best-of-the-best” in our industry. As the crisis recedes, and United surges ahead of the pack, there can simply be no doubt in their unequalled capacity, or that United’s very brightest days are yet to come.

As planned, I will continue to serve United in an advisory capacity for the next year, standing ready – as ever – to be called on if needed, retaining the one title that’s always meant the most to me these past six years: a member of your United family.

You know my mantra, “Proof, not promise.”

I promise that the next time you hear from me will be in person, as I travel our system, visiting our stations and hubs, making up for lost time of the past year, and keeping alive the connection we built together. While I plan on traveling many, many miles, I will never be far away, and I promise to visit personally with as many of you as possible.

As the poem says:

*The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.*

I want to look you in the eyes and thank you for saving United Airlines in its moment of greatest need. I want to pay tribute to the struggles and sacrifices you’ve overcome.

I want to call out by name and honor those heroes who volunteered for furloughs or early outs, saving another colleague who simply could not do so for family reasons or financial hardship.

I want to shake hands with those of you who braved the pandemic because you could not work remotely. And I want to hug those of you who've been toiling away remotely, feeling the mental burden of isolation, juggling the demands of working around the household while also working the clock.

Most of all, I want to be there to see all of you as you take a moment to pat each other on the back. To thank one another for what each of you did. To witness our collective hopes for a reunion be fulfilled.

I've asked so much of you these past years, and you've never let me down. Humbly, I ask one thing further.

Please remember that this bond we've built is precious and must be zealously protected. Do not forget what it was like when we were not yet truly a United-United Airlines. Keep the New Spirit of United that we built together alive, lighting the candles of the people following in your footsteps.

And, if your flame starts to burn out, know that you can always count on me. I will be there to offer my own to help relight yours.

In closing, as I look back on the past six years, I realize that everything I accomplished in my career leading up to joining the United family was only prologue. Whatever the next chapters of my life may hold, I know they will only be an epilogue to the incredible, unpredictable, thoroughly inspiring, endlessly fascinating, and profoundly rewarding adventure that has been the experience of serving my United family these years, the greatest privilege of my career.

Thank you for the ride of a lifetime, and a lifetime of memories.

Your friend, always,

Oscar

Uniting the world at supersonic speeds

June 3, 2021



As part of our continued strategy to invest in innovative technologies that will build a more sustainable future of air travel, we're excited to announce a commercial agreement with Boom Supersonic, a Denver-based aerospace company redefining commercial air travel by bringing supersonic flight back to the skies – making us the first U.S. airline to sign a commercial agreement with the company.

Under the terms of the agreement, United will purchase 15 of Boom's "Overture" airliners, with an option for an additional 35 aircraft once Overture meets our demanding safety, operating and sustainability requirements before delivery.

Once operational, Overture is expected to be the first large commercial aircraft to be net-zero carbon from day one, optimized to run on 100% sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). The aircraft is slated to roll out in 2025, fly in 2026 and expected to carry passengers by 2029. United and Boom will also work together to accelerate production of greater supplies of SAF.

"United continues on its trajectory to build a more innovative, sustainable airline and today's advancements in technology are making it more viable for that to include supersonic planes. Boom's vision for the future of commercial aviation, combined with the industry's most robust route network in the world, will give business and leisure travelers access to a stellar flight experience," said Scott. "Our mission has always been about connecting people and now working with Boom, we'll be able to do that on an even greater scale."

Capable of flying at speeds of Mach 1.7 – twice the speed of today's fastest airliners – Overture can connect more than 500 destinations in nearly half the time. Among the many future potential routes for United are:

- ▲ EWR-LHR (London-Heathrow) in just three-and-a-half hours
- ▲ EWR-FRA (Frankfurt) in four hours
- ▲ SFO-NRT (Tokyo-Narita) in just six hours

Overture will also be designed with features such as in-seat entertainment screens, ample personal space, and contactless technology.

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“The world’s first purchase agreement for net-zero carbon supersonic aircraft marks a significant step toward our mission to create a more accessible world,” said Blake Scholl, Boom Supersonic founder and CEO. “United and Boom share a common purpose—to unite the world safely and sustainably. At speeds twice as fast, United passengers will experience all the advantages of life lived in person, from deeper, more productive business relationships to longer, more relaxing vacations to far-off destinations.”

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Process: It’s been a year, hasn’t it? Last year at this time, we were in the midst of our first wave of unknowns, mandates, toilet paper runs, and protests. The uncertainty of the severity and magnitude of what was to come was hard to comprehend. It seemed almost as difficult to manage, as did living out the reality of it all. Yet, here we are, now.

Emotional and psychological trauma is the result of extraordinarily stressful events that shatter your sense of security, making you feel helpless in a dangerous world. Psychological trauma can leave you struggling with upsetting emotions, memories, and anxiety that won’t go away. It can also leave you feeling numb and disconnected.

Things are changing rapidly. Almost like we are on the other side of this thing. Yet, we are in transition and “process” needs to take place. For some, this thing isn’t over yet, for others, it’s time to start healing. Yet still for others, they’re in between the pain and the events this unprecedented year has caused.

This season, may we all be encouraged to take time to let your spirit process in whatever manner that fits your heart. Wait if you need to wait, feel if you need to feel, rest if you need to rest, and play if you need to play. And give space to others who are processing differently. Don’t skip past it ... process it!

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Torgy’s Travel Tips – July 2021 **Rules, Regulations and Responsibilities**



Kathie Torgison

Yes, it’s true, travel is opening up! You’ve seen it on the news and all over the internet. The vehicle backups to the departure deck at airports nationwide look refreshingly like those in pre-pandemic days. Advertisements for cruises, tours and hotel packages fill your inbox and your mailbox. But are you as confused as I am about “the 3Rs” - the rules, the regulations and the responsibilities of traveling?

Read on for an explanation. **As always, be aware that this information was current as of June 7th and modifications by international, national and local governments and industry leaders are constantly evolving.**

US Travel: Masks are required for all passengers over age 2 onboard all US commercial aircraft as well as within all US airport terminals. Removal of the mask is allowed only while actively eating or drinking. The same regulation applies to all US trains, buses and their respective terminals. This federal mandate is set to expire September 14, 2021. Proof of a negative Covid-19 test is required for entry into the US for all passengers, including US citizens, regardless of vaccination status.

US Theme Parks: Disneyland and Disney California Adventure are planning on reopening to non-California residents on June 15th, but some onsite hotels will not open until July 2nd. Reservations and tickets are required in advance. Masks are required for ages 2 and older. Similarly, Florida’s Disney World requires the same reservation, ticketing and mask requirements. Parades, shows and fireworks in both states may remain closed, as well as some services and amenities. Go to www.Disney.com for all pertinent information. Universal Theme Parks have a more relaxed policy. Vaccinated guests are not required to wear face masks – however, they do not require proof of vaccination! If you are considering a long-awaited trip with your grandkids who are not yet eligible for the vaccine, be forewarned. Universal Orlando’s website www.universalorlando.com states “Any interaction with the general public poses an elevated risk of being exposed to Covid-19, and we cannot guarantee that you will not be exposed during your visit”.

Cruises: Some good news for the cruise industry occurred when the Alaska Tourism Restoration Act passed Congress in late May. Since Canada has banned all large cruise vessels until 2022, the cabotage provision of the US Jones Act had prevented foreign-flag cruise ships from resuming summer cruising to Alaska. With the temporary lifting of the requirement to stop at a Canadian port during a voyage, cruising

may begin out of Seattle and Anchorage in late July. Passengers aged 16 and older must be fully vaccinated and that age requirement drops to 12 effective August 1st. Departures from ports in Florida and Texas are also beginning preparations for mid-July sailings to the Caribbean. Vaccination requirements are different than Alaska cruises. Recent legislation in the state of Florida prohibiting companies from requiring proof of vaccination runs counter to the CDC's Conditional Order of Sailing and may postpone the resumption of cruises as cruise lines focus on avoiding onboard Covid-19 breakouts. Effective July 1st, a \$5000 per passenger fine can be imposed upon cruise lines departing Florida if passengers are required to provide proof of vaccination before boarding. Cruise operators are fervently working to resolve this huge issue. Cruise lines sailing wholly within Europe are expected to resume departures in mid-July. Transatlantic cruises are still somewhat in limbo, but a departure from Barcelona to the US on Royal Caribbean's Rhapsody of the Seas is tentatively scheduled for November 30, 2021. Onboard experience on all ships will be considerably different than in the past: No more self-serve buffet dining and a higher concentration of shipboard activities (bingo, art auctions, trivia contests) and entertainment. Disembarkation at ports-of-call will be limited to those who purchase ship-sponsored shore excursions guaranteeing a safe "travel bubble" experience.

Vaccine Passports: No firm plans yet exist for implementing a US Vaccine Passport, but work continues by private corporations towards a Vaccination Certificate. Until then your white CDC Covid-19 Vaccination Record Card provided to you when you received your vaccination is all we, in the US, have. The European Union, however, is proceeding with a July 1st target date for a Digital Covid-19 Certificate for its 27 member community which will greatly ease travel for those folks crossing EU borders. On June 4th, the EU decided to maintain prohibition on US, UK and other non-EU countries from non-essential entry to EU member countries. A proposed recommendation to lift this ban starting July 1st would allow entry to travelers who are fully vaccinated at least 14 days before their arrival in the EU. Bottom line: Check the entry requirements on [United.com](https://www.united.com) before making any travel plans outside of the US.

So, yes travel is opening, but we all have a responsibility to protect ourselves AND others for a while longer. No one wants to repeat another year like 2020. And as for me, I want to be around to fly on United's newly ordered Boom supersonic jet "Overture" in 2029!



Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



Francis Domaratius

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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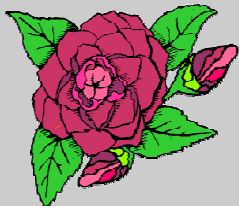
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SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter meets 3 times yearly but due to the Covid virus, we are still reluctant to meet at a restaurant. With more of our members getting the vaccine, we hope to meet again in June.

For more information, call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 or email me at autiger@centurytel.net.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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Happy Fourth Of July! Hope you will be able to enjoy the weekend, filled with various patriotic events, such as Parades, Picnics, Fireworks, and being with family and friends. We hope your whole summer will be enjoyable.

At our Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner on May 28th, we had 25 members in attendance. We were all glad to be back together once again and catching up on how we were all doing. We remembered four of our members who passed away while we were not meeting: **Ferrol Hilsabeck** (5/10/20), **Darlene Foster** (10/27/20), **Judie Preston** (1/31/21), and **Kris Schaeffer** (3/18/21). We held a moment of silence in their honor.

Our President **Shirley Claggett** notified us that they had sold their home in Mesa, AZ and she and **Ron Paluch** will live permanently in Washington. They plan to rent a home in the Mesa area for a few months each winter. As a result of that move, we will need a new President to take over our chapter throughout the year. Our Vice President **Peg Snowdall** told the group to begin thinking about who we can get to replace Shirley. We will definitely miss not having them both at our monthly meetings.

Peg asked the group if they wanted to continue hav-

ing lunch each month during the winter, and if so, then we would need some of them to volunteer to host one of the lunches. There was a brief discussion about finding a place to have our annual Christmas Luncheon.

An error in our monthly calendar was noted in our June Newsletter that our Breakfast in August was to be August 20. It should be August 27. Please correct your calendar.

The RUAEA Convention will be held September 28 – October 2 in San Diego, California at the beautiful Dana on Mission Bay. It's a wonderful location with outstanding grounds, facilities, and rooms. The rooms have refrigerators, microwaves, and two queen size beds. Parking is free, a \$25 value. A free Breakfast for two is included in your room rate charge, which is a bargain at \$124.00 per night.

The Convention package is for this issue (July 2021), not the June one. The tours will start on Wednesday, September 29th. One tour to the Balboa Park Air & Space Museum will definitely be available. Be sure and make plans to attend this Convention in sunny San Diego. It will be great being able to see and rejoin friends since the pandemic and people you worked with before retirement. It's always so much fun to get together once again. You can also invite friends or family to this event at an attractive price. So, look for all the information about the Convention in this month's issue of the RUAEA Newsletter. The Convention package, as well as the registration pages, can also be found on the ruaea.org website. This can be downloaded by anyone who wishes to attend. No password is needed to access the ruaea.org homepage. It will be available online in mid June. Looking forward to seeing many of our friends there!

We have the following birthdays in July of our members or spouses: **Ted Higley, Pam Betz, Donna Smiley, Fred Rockenhauser, and Barbara Hartough**. Happy Birthday to each of you! We don't have any Wedding Anniversaries to celebrate from our members at this time.

Calendar:


July 23 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please contact VP **Peg Snowdall** at phomfeldt@cox.net, with your reservations by Wednesday, July 21, or call her at (480) 396-3317, so she can notify the Manager how many to expect from our group.

August 27 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner


September 24 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner

September 28 – October 2 – RUAEA Convention at Dana on Mission Bay, San Diego, CA





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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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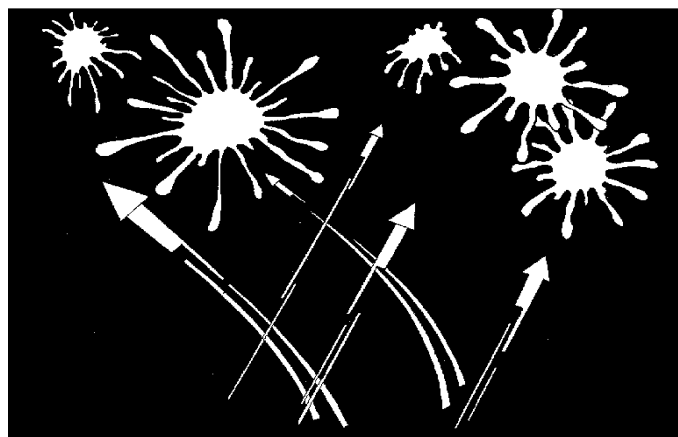


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There is no report this month from the California NorthStaters chapter of RUAEA.

Calendar:

Next meeting, time and place TBD




It's been another month of hibernation. We've taken a few short trips to the gas station, doctor's office, and the Dollar Store. We've kept in contact with the family by phone and E-mail. So far they all have gotten their shots except for the grandchildren.

The talk around here is that most of the businesses will be up and running by June 15th. This is a possibility since the new Covid infection has dropped off quite a bit and those enjoying our beaches don't wear masks. One of the merchants, who rents bikes, brought in about 50 or more since the tourists like to ride around the area. This Memorial weekend will be a busy one since residents and tourists have been waiting to spend 3 days out of their houses and enjoy the ocean. We won't be anywhere near the beach or shops since they can't wait to open.

Here's hoping I will have more news next month, and although the Convention is moving along, I will not be attending. It's only because of health reasons and the fact that I have been retired for over 30 years I doubt if I would know anyone. I'm wishing everyone has a great time as I did in the past.


I'm retired from playing golf and this pretty much tells why ~ This explains my golf game ... What should you do if you're golfing near lightning? Hold your 2-iron in the air, because not even God can hit a 2-iron.

Golf: A game where you yell fore, you get six, and you write five.



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The Desert Sunbirds, as well as most of the RUAEA chapters, are still restricted from "getting together" because of Covid. So again, there is no report this month.



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Hello to everyone in RUAEA Land from the East Bay Diablos group. I hope you had a nice Father's Day and are now looking forward to the Fourth of July holiday. It's wonderful to see things opening up and people getting together with friends and family again.

Great News! East Bay Diablos will be meeting in person in June for the first time since March 2020. Our June meeting is a picnic, a long standing tradition we all love. **Diane Griego** will be hosting us again at her lovely home in Concord. We normally meet the first Monday of the month, but wanted to wait until after California officially opened up on June 15. At this point the most likely date will be Monday, June 28th. We will have a catered lunch from Back 40 BBQ, followed by ice cream and cake decorated with a United theme. I can't wait!

Calling All Woodworkers, Carpenters, and Avid Readers ~ Have you heard of Little Free Library? This nonprofit is the world's largest book-sharing movement. Their mission is "Building Community, Inspiring Readers, and Expanding Book Access for All." See their website at www.littlefreelibrary.org. There is a wonderful picture of a little boy opening the door of the Little Library to get a book. The little libraries are like small cupboards mounted on a post and put in your front yard. People are encouraged to take a book, bring it back or share it with someone else, and donate a book if they want. You register your Little Free Library on the website so others can find it, and you can see if there are others already in your neighborhood. The website has the libraries for purchase as well as plans to build one yourself. My friend in Rose Society loves woodworking and he built one as his spring project. He painted it the same colors as his house, with the trim on the little library matching the color of his front door. He posted a picture on Facebook with the little library surrounded by roses, and it is stunning. He reports that the neighbors love it!

More Turtle News ~ I've been on a turtle roll lately and this month is no exception. I support the Galapagos Conservancy and their newsletter and updates are very interesting. Visiting Antarctica and the Galapagos Islands is at the top of my Bucket List, but until I do, the articles will have to suffice. Many years ago, one of my friends, who traveled the world as TV correspondent,

said that seeing the Galapagos Islands was her most memorable trip ever. I'll never forget her saying that if you only take one trip in your lifetime, go there.

In 2019, a lone female Giant Tortoise was found on Fernandina Island during a joint expedition of Galapagos Conservancy, the Galapagos National Park Directorate (GNPD) and Animal Planet. The team was confident that this female, named Fernanda of course, was a Fernandina Giant Tortoise, thought to be extinct for 115 years. Fernanda's blood sample was sent to geneticists at Yale University to determine how closely she is related to the only other tortoise ever found on Fernandina Island, a now-deceased large male found in 1906.

On May 19, 2021 the Galapagos Conservancy announced that the scientists have confirmed genetic similarity between Fernanda and the male found in 1906. Starting in September, GNPD and Galapagos Conservancy will launch urgent expeditions to Fernandina Island to find a mate and save this species from extinction. There is hope because park rangers have found tracks and scat from at least two other tortoises on Fernandina Volcano. Fernandina Island is dominated by this active volcano which makes expeditions very challenging. If a male tortoise is located, he will be united with the lone female at the Galapagos National Park's Giant Tortoise Breeding Center in Santa Cruz. Scientists will then oversee the breeding, raise the young safely in captivity, and eventually return them to Fernandina Island. To see the entire article and a beautiful picture of Fernanda (awwww), go to <https://www.galapagos.org>.

The Restoration Of Notre Dame Cathedral ~ It seems hard to believe that it has been over two years since fire severely damaged this beloved landmark. On April 15, 2019, stunned Parisians, with tears streaming down their faces, watched the spire burn and fall to the ground. I'll bet that a majority of us have been to Paris and have seen all the major landmarks—Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Musee d'Orsay, the Arc de Triomphe and Sacre Coeur. One of my favorite memories of Notre Dame is attending an evening organ concert in December 1969. I was one of a handful of tourists there and everyone else was a local.

French President Emmanuel Macron would like to have Notre Dame restored by Summer 2024 when Paris hosts the Summer Olympics, but this may not be realistic. Even if it is open to visitors, it probably will not be fully restored by then.

The first step for Notre Dame's roof and spire reconstruction was the safety phase, which started in the summer of 2019 and lasted until November 2020. Scaffolding was built around the cathedral to restore the spire, tarp was installed above the vaults, gargoyles were wrapped, and the flying buttresses were reinforced.

Construction paused for three months when the pan-

demic hit but resumed June 8, 2020. Workers then removed more than 300 tons of burned scaffolding that surrounded the spire, which took until December 2020. To remove the scorched scaffolding on the roof, a secondary structure of metal beams was built on three levels to help prevent the collapse of the church. Workers had to dangle on ropes to access the heart of the scaffolding.

In September 2020, as part of European Heritage Days, carpenters demonstrated medieval building techniques and wowed the crowd as they lifted a three-ton truss by hand.

As of April 2021, the date of this article, all the burned timbers have been removed. Workers have now started the next major phase, installing scaffolding inside the cathedral and building a replica of the destroyed spire. There are 200 workers on site every day.

The spire will be made of more than 1,000 donated oak trees from public and private forests from all over France. The trees are being cut and collected this spring before they sap and will be stored for 12 to 18 months to prepare them for the reconstruction phase which starts in the fall of 2022. The goal is to store the wood at a low humidity level (below 30%). Each tree must be long enough to fit an overhead curve of 65 feet long to restore the roof's framework (its nave and choir). Some of the trees are over 200 years old, according to Bertrand Munch, the director general of the National Forestry Office.

If you Google "the restoration of Notre Dame" you will see interesting pictures of the damaged areas and the reconstruction in progress.

Source: Architectural Digest, April 13, 2021. Nadja Sayej

<https://www.architecturaldigest.com/story/two-years-later-heres-latest-notre-dames-restoration>

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



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This report is written on Memorial Day and as our heartfelt thanks go out to our Military, First Responders and all those who have done their best to protect us and keep us safe. We truly live in the Land of the Free and Home of the Brave – keep these people close to your hearts and prayers on this special day (and every day.)

We have a lot to be thankful for!!

As the month of May drew to a close, the Board Members of the Golden Gaters' were able to meet at The Fish Market restaurant and hold a small meeting while we waited for our meal. We usually have our Christmas get-together at this tasty restaurant so it was a pleasure being able to meet off in a side room. There is speculation that the property that the restaurant sits on has been on the market and that there may be a closure – the plans are for a multi-storied housing/commercial structure. (Just what we need, more traffic and very poor public transportation displacing one of the favorite eateries around here!) We spoke to the manager and asked if we could book a date for December and he advised us to let him know in a month or two – hopefully, we will be able to snag a day as who knows if the sale of the property has been settled. **Art Barrett** and **Jim Goodwine** were unable to attend the meeting – they are truly missed and hope to see them up and about soon.

Update: Sad news to report, our long time Historian, **Jim Goodwine**, passed away May 30, Sunday in San Mateo, California. Jim was an engineer at the SFO MOC for 21 years in the SFOEG department. He and his wife, **Helen**, traveled far and wide with us. Our favorite French Barge trips (at least 6 or 7 of them) always included them, oh, the stories we all could tell, many laughs and good times! Fans of the Indy 500 - rarely missed the event. Always ready to go on an adventure with us. Generous donations of their season baseball tickets to the Gaters' if they could not attend the games. Jim reminded the Golden Gaters' how many years we had been meeting - the big cake had lots of candles! No services are planned at this time. We will truly miss him, he was a wonderful asset to our group - keep Helen and their family in your thoughts and prayers during these coming days.

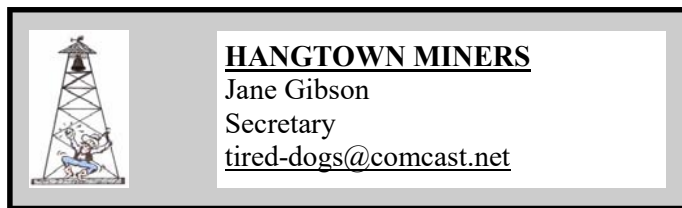
Vera Kina, Peter Cooper, John Bogdanoff, Gene Walter, Barbara Underhill, Harriet Kunze and **Ginger Dahlberg** enjoyed the fish of the day. Getting down to business – we decided that we will not have a meeting in June or July and will put our efforts into having our first meeting on our regular 4th Monday of the Month, **August 23, 2021**. We are planning a "Winner, winner, chicken dinner (well, luncheon)" with dessert – pricing will be for members \$8 / guests \$10. More to come – a letter will be sent out in July to those on the roster – so start saving your chicken-feed and join us. If we cannot be accommodated in our usual room at the Rec. Center, we will meet outside and enjoy our summer weather. We will need to hear from all of you so that we can crunch the numbers – stay tuned. **September 27th** is our usual Picnic, usual times and place, food and pricing to be announced (some yummy ribs and fixin's.) **October 25th** a possible Pot Luck – more to come for the remainder of the year.

Do remember that **September 28 – October 2** is the RUAEA Convention being held in San Diego. Please let all your retired UAL/CO buddies, and family/friends and neighbors (yes, they can come) know that this is a fun event, great hotel prices and incentives, tours and free (yup ... **free**) breakfast, free parking, tasty banquets ... and the list goes on. The hotel, Dana on Mission Bay, is a beaut – look for all information in the July issue of the newsletter – if you drive down, you can visit the Madonna Inn along the way! So drop everything and join in the fun.

A big Happy Birthday out to **Bob Aherns** who is celebrating his 97th candle blow-out – way to go! **Gene & Carol Walter** are celebrating their anniversary today. **Norm Wood** needs some cheering up. Most everyone has had their vaccinations but do stay diligent, wear that mask and stay well – please! Happy Fathers' to all you gentle-men!

Our treasury report is being handled by **Peter Cooper** for the time being – he has paid bills, no dues are being collected at this time and we remain solvent. The Auditors, the Travel and Ticket Coordinators are all in limbo, patiently waiting, and waiting, for the go-ahead. We will forge ahead!

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.



We did it! 30 Hangtown Miners came to the Relish Burger Bar in El Dorado Hills and we had a blast! Talking, laughing, eating, hugging, teasing, and more eating! What a wonderful day it was. And, it kind of felt like we were at a beach – no, really! The tables were on their patio and there was an abundance of colorful umbrellas to keep us comfortable. Add in a nice waterfall (lovely sound) with another waterfall on the other side of the short wall. So, we also had a (ocean?) breeze/wind that took that splashing water, sent it up into the air in a (delicate) spray that reached all the way across the patio – honest, it did! And as often happens when you have wind, some of the gusts made a couple of the umbrellas become airborne! Got a little exciting but our strong men and the restaurant staff nailed everything

down – no one was hurt! If you weren't able to join us, try out this restaurant – from all reports I heard, all the meals were delicious. Thank you, **Diana Bell**, for setting this up for us.

Since we were “not having a meeting”, I didn't ask if anyone has an anniversary or birthday in May. If you should have either of these, we wish you a great day!

Bill Dinette took a moment to greet everyone. He also passed along a caution regarding a scam that is circulating. Seems some scoundrels are calling saying they're from SMUD and that your power will be turned off unless you pay an amount. The number is a SMUD number! **John Muir's** daughter called SMUD to see what was going on and they said to not believe what the call(er) said – it is a scam – don't fall for it and let others know too.

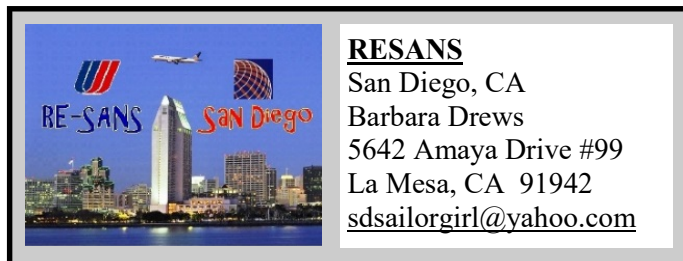
Tom Kenny was on the ball, of course, and reports that our checking is doing well. Now, here we go again! We are almost to the middle of 2021! Unbelievable, sure, but we are. And we still have several members who have not gotten their 2021 annual dues (\$10) paid yet! You may have received an email or a call from **Bill Gibson**. While I was out in the garage putting things away, organizing and cleaning, he jumped right in and started contacting all of you who still need to get those dues in! I could hear quite a bit of laughing thru the door/wall! Our policy is that if you haven't sent your dues in by the end of June, then your name will be dropped from our roster. People, I do not want to see any of you disappear from the Hangtown Miners! Please, make out your \$10.00 dues check to Hangtown Miners and mail it to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667.

I know we have not been able to enjoy our normal monthly luncheon/meeting, but things seem to be leveling out now and we should be able to get back into our routine. That said, which one of you would like to set up a lunch for June? July? August? So, I have last year's sign up sheet and I wonder if you would be willing to take the month this year that you didn't get to host last year! Here's the line up from 2020: May - **JR & Rosemary Heier**; June - **Diana Bell**; July - **Kerry and Ann**; August - **Bill & Linda Dinette**; September - **Ed & Lindalee Akin**; October - **Bill & Pati Kenney**; November - **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick**; December is a “group effort”. A reminder, our “normal” meeting day is the second Monday of the month; some places say they can not accommodate large groups yet, but maybe we could say we are several small groups in the same room? Not a lie! Please, let me know (ASAP) if you are up to hosting our June luncheon. Once I have a name and place, I will send everyone the information.

As we continue our ever-changing journey thru life, remember to take time to enjoy yourselves. Each day is special, each person is precious, each moment is to be

embraced. As “seniors” we set an example for those who follow us, so we sure want to give them a strong, positive and loving picture to remind them to be a good influence for those they will lead.

May 31st is Memorial Day. I want to thank all of you who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and join you in celebrating and remembering those who have fallen as they, too, served this great country.



Time is passing by and we have several retirees celebrating their birthdays in July ~ **Peter Hendricks** (July 6th), **Rosina Krefft** (July 12th), **Joan Zadrozny** (July 20th), **Kayce Ward** (July 21st), **Mary Hernandez** (July 22nd) and **Tom Sturgeon** (July 22nd). The very best Birthday wishes to all of them and hopes for another great year!

Everyone should have read the last RUAEA Newsletter and are getting as excited about the RUAEA Convention as we are. The RESANS team is working hard to make this special. We have been separated from each other for so long, we want this to be a great reunion for all of us. It's not too early to start making travel plans.

Last month I talked about Mission Trails Regional Park and this month I am going to talk about the interesting native plants we have in the Park. Many of these are the same you will see in any of the other parks you may visit on your stay here.

Of the most common and most often seen is Chaparral and the Coastal Sage Scrub. They are shrub plants



that can withstand drought and fire and exist together with animals and varieties of other plants. They are specific to Mediterranean type climates and during the dry season, they appear to be dormant but after just one day of gentle rain shades of green can appear in areas that were previously brownish gray.

Some of the most common plants in the Chaparral family are the California Sagebrush, which has fragrant leaves similar to that of dill weed. Black sage has larger leaves and of a darker green color with pale lavender flower clusters and turn into dark spheres as they age. White sage has a downy almost white foliage with white to pale lavender blooms. Lemonade berry is a member of the sumac family and produces a sticky fruit with a sour taste. The native Indians made a soothing drink from the berries. The coastal golden bush is a member of the sunflower family which blooms in late spring and into late fall. Their bright yellow flowers dominate the hillsides and trails of the Park.

The rarest oak in California is the Engelmann and is found in only one known location with Mission Trails Park. It can be seen along the Oak Grove Trail near the Visitor Center; they are characterized by their longer leaves and longer, slender acorns. Other Oaks to be found in and around the area are the scrub oak which is smaller and thrives on the drier hillsides and is smaller than the Engelmann Oak.

If you are interested in wildflowers that grow around Mission Trails and other parks in the San Diego area, stop by the Visitor Center and buy the colorful brochure, “Flowering Plants of Mission Trails Regional Park”. Over 60 varieties are clearly identified along with good photos and when they are in bloom. There is always something blooming in the Park due to our Mediterranean climate.

Some of the same can be found in the other parks around San Diego. If you visit Torrey Pines Park you will see many that will be familiar to you from your adventure in Mission Trails Regional Park.

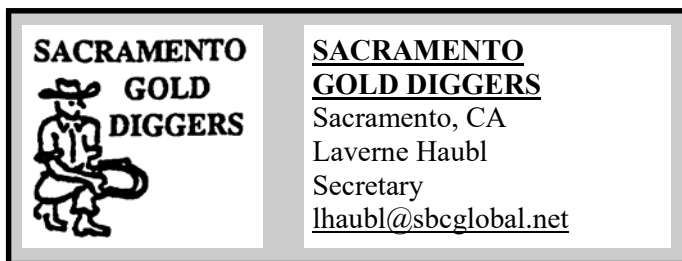
Next month I will talk about another interesting place you may want to visit while in our lovely city.

Remember the Convention dates: September 28th through October 2nd. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Calendar:

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





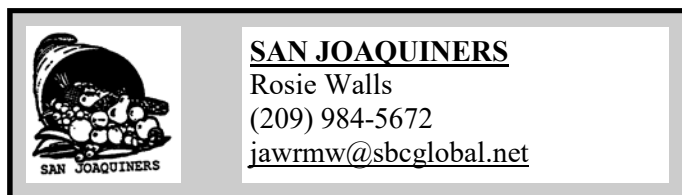
We met at Old Town Pizza in Lincoln on May 26th with 23 members in attendance. We enjoyed seeing all our friends and catching up with them. We hope more will be able to attend next month.

Chapter President **David Garland** brought the meeting to order. We discussed how to get up and running again; Treasurer **Judie King** recommended no dues for year 2021, we will collect dues in 2022.

We discussed where to have another meeting and decided on Sizzler in Auburn. President **Dave Garland** made a reservation at Sizzler in Auburn for June 30, 2021. We can all order our own lunch and pay for it. No collecting of funds ahead of time. Sizzler, 13570 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA. Off ramp from I-80 is exit 122.

We are looking for Hosts for future months. Thanks to those that volunteer: July - **Orville Harshbarger**, August - **Ron & Barbara Bertacini**, September - Convention in San Diego (9/28/2021 – 10/2/2021), October - **Judie King** and **Jack & Marge Raynor**, November & December – TBA.

We hope everyone is looking forward to the convention, 9/28/2021-10/2

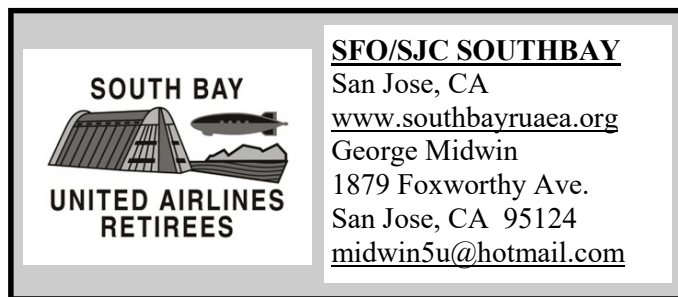


Hello to all! It has been several months since I submitted a chapter report. I wrote one last month but it never made it to the Denver office. I think it went to Alphabet Heaven instead.

We had our first Luncheon Meeting in May at Huckleberrys in Oakdale. There were 17 members and guests attending and we were all very happy to get together since Covid put a stop to our meetings, we missed seeing everyone. We will be meeting again in July at the same restaurant since everyone agreed to the location and menu.

We would like to extend an invitation to all retirees to attend our luncheon meetings. If you would like information about our Chapter, the San Joaquiners, please contact our President **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210.

We are a small group of very friendly people and we would love for you to join us



At our May meeting, it was decided to return to Holders. However, instead of breakfast we will have a 'brunch', that is a meeting from 1000am to 1200pm. The majority of those interviewed additionally favored holding just one meeting a month. People felt that Mondays would be the best day of the week and so the meeting will occur the first Monday of every month. Considering that restaurants for the most part are now open, our first in person meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 7th. Mark your calendars, for the first Monday of the month for our RUAEA meetings. Holders is under new management and have permitted us to utilize their meeting room, understanding that there will be a number of members in attendance purchasing meals. Please consider supporting this effort that **Chuck Clayborn** worked so hard on to make happen.

We will continue with Zoom meetings twice a month on Fridays. Chuck will send out notices via E-mail for those who wish to participate via the internet, until we are comfortable with in person meetings. At some point, we anticipate Zoom meetings will cease, once in person attendance has reached a normal number.

Birthdays for June were joined by **Cheri Scales**, **Lloyd Eber**, **Ken Demblewski**, **Margie Klaus** and **Louis White**. A virtual cake was provided, however, only Chuck was able to actually eat it. A virtuoso of those on Zoom provided a hardy rendition of happy birthday, hopefully it was not recorded.

Anniversary wishes went out to **Lou & Jean Marcolina** and **Ted & Maria Boone**.

With the prospect of Covid restrictions being lifted, we have begun discussion of having our annual Christmas luncheon at Marianis. They plan to reopen in August and are eager to begin accepting reservations for banquets. However, we must first understand how many members would be attending. However, we anticipate the cost to have increased significantly.

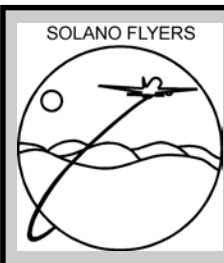
Cheri Scales offered a suggestion in the effort to reduce costs for a banquet. Her friend has offered to provide the banquet room we used a few years ago in San Jose at no cost. The person who does our BBQ at Vasona could also provide a wonderful meal for us. We

may change the format, reducing or eliminating the drawing, as we find it more difficult to assemble the prizes and make them presentable. So the event would be more of a get together.

We are awaiting the Santa Clara Parks department to open up the reservation system, with the possibility for us to hold our annual BBQ at Vasona. A number of members are interested in this event, even if we have fewer people in attendance than in the past.

Speaking of Vasona, we had a picnic at the park on a very lovely day. Park restrictions limited the number of people, but we had a nice group the same. It was great to see people in person once again, especially **Jean Jenkins**, who has not been able to Zoom with us these past many months, thanks to **Bob Mattscheck** for giving her a ride. **George Dye** stopped by for a short time, despite recovering from his surgery, but is doing as fine as you could expect. We hope to be able to hold another picnic this summer if we don't have the BBQ.

Anyone interested to join us at one of our first Monday of the month meetings, from 10am-12pm are welcome. The restaurant is located 998 S. De Anza Blvd., in Cupertino, just off highway 85.

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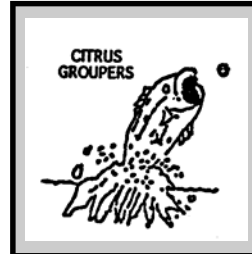
On June 2nd, the Denver Mile Highers met for lunch at Ted's Place. It was great to reunite with friends. We had 23 members in attendance. **Gene Sibley** will be our new Vice President as **Gary Trujillo** stepped down. We are working on a new directory.

The RUAEA Convention will be held in San Diego, California September 28th thru October 2nd.

Please send any old items from United or Continental to **Tom Goodyear** for the museum.

We are hoping to set up lunches for the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 until we can possibly get back to our Saturday breakfasts. Ted's Place: 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, CO 80022, (303) 287-7544.

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

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

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Our June 8th meeting was held at the Golden Corral on East Colonial Drive at noon. Pres Ernie was not there, so **Ken Michels**, VP, took over. 22 McCoys were present and we are hoping for more at the July 6th luncheon. We have reserved our private room here again so we hope to see folks! The old Corral on Semoran is permanently closed.

We discussed reinstating our annual Christmas Party Lunch and are hoping to hold it on December 7th. More details in the upcoming months, but mark your calendars to "Save the Date".

Our Chapter received a long email from the RUAEA VP of Conventions, **Hank Gosselin**. Many of us remember him from the 2010 RUAEA Convention we held here in MCO! This year, SAN will be the site, beginning on September 28th - October 2nd! I love SAN! We may need masks but most of us should be vaccinated by then. So, here's the plug! Where else can you get a beautiful hotel room at Dana on Mission Bay at a great price that includes:

▲ Free parking (just in case a cross country scenic trip is in the cards for you!)

- ▲ Free Breakfast for two
- ▲ Waived Resort Fee Charges
- ▲ Banquet Dinner ... salad thru dessert with great entertainment too

▲ Our Benefits Panel that keeps us in-the-know with reps from WHQ – remember WHQ?

How'd I do? Make you want to consider it? Hope so! Make a plan! Invite your family! Or invite some friends and make it a wonderful get-away mini post-COVID reunion! Have some Fun – finally! You won't have to make your bed OR cook! Mission Bay is beautiful this time of year ... cool off after our summer swelter ☺

Just think if you invite everyone you know. And they said yes ... we could fill up the hotel and see our friends on every elevator ride - Ho! Ok, now I'm just being silly ... but it could happen!



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There is no report this month from the SW Pelicans Drop-Ins chapter of RUAEA.



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The Sand Dollars do not meet during the summer months, as so many of our members head to their northern homes at this time of year. We will be starting up again in October, hopefully; when all thoughts of Covid19 will be long forgotten. If there are any new retirees, or visiting retirees, coming to our part of Florida in the fall, we hope they will contact **Ginger Hyde** for information about our group. Her email is AS-DIP920@aol.com, or phone (941) 360-6671.

Meantime, during these slower months of summer, a group of women were at a seminar on how to live in a loving relationship with their husbands. The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?" All the women raised their hands.

Then they were asked, "When was the last time you

told your husband you loved him?" Some women answered today, a few yesterday, and some couldn't remember. The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husbands the following: "I love you, sweetheart."

Next, the women were instructed to exchange phones with another woman and read aloud the text message they received in response to their message.

Below are 11 hilarious replies. If you have been married for quite a while, you understand that these replies are a sign of true love ... who else would reply in such a succinct and honest way?

1. Who the hell is this?
2. Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?
3. Yeah, and I love you too. What's wrong?
4. What now? Did you wreck the car again?
5. I don't understand what you mean?
6. What the hell did you do now?
7. Don't beat about the bush; just tell me how much you need.
8. Am I dreaming?
9. If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.
10. I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.
11. Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she?



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on June 7 with 9 people in attendance.

With sad hearts, we will miss our President **Beverly Alderdice**. For over 2 months; she was very busy packing and showing her house. She decided to downsize and found a very nice new Villa about 3 miles from her present home so she sold her home and moved into her new digs with help from her sister and her niece. Beverly got settled, her family went home. Her sister called her on Friday May 8th and they talked; her sister called again on Saturday May 10th with no answer so she called police for a wellness check; Beverly had passed. There was a service for her on Friday May 14, 2021; many of our members were there. She did so much for our Chapter - thank you and we will miss you.

Our meeting had a nice surprise; we welcomed 2 new people, **Peter & Linda Karg** and it was nice to have **Jean Linehan** with us today.

We said our condolences to **Noemi Guzman** on the loss of her brother and to **Peggy Manuel** for her loss of her/our furbaby that loved coming to our picnics.

We talked about UAL plans for future planes and new routes. The Lindstroms took the camper out; they had a nice trip to Oscar Sherer State Park - Venice, FL. They went shopping in Venice and went to Spanish Point - Bertha Palmer's Empire (Palmer House Chicago), a very interesting lady and beautiful grounds.

Other than that, there were no travels.

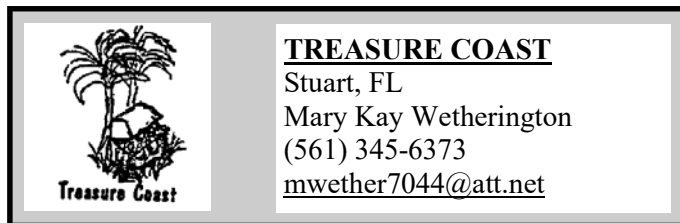
It was a very social meeting. Breakfast/Lunch was served.

Calendar:

July – No meeting

August 2 - IHOP - 10:30

September 13 – IHOP, we'll be discussing the October 4th Picnic



We are now officially into Hurricane season. As we assemble our supplies and hope for a mild go of it, we still are in desperate need of rainfall. The grass is crispy and the lakes are low. As they say, be careful what you wish for. It won't be long and we'll probably have more than we need. We have thousands of new residents converging on Florida. Our hope is that they educate themselves and take it seriously. I have lived in this great state for 56 years now and still prepare myself for the CAT 1 and beyond. You have to pray that all of your neighbors do the same so their belongings don't fly your way.

As our businesses re-open and folks get back into the swing of things, it's hard to keep up with which ones are still requiring masks and distancing and which ones have modified their rules. Thank goodness for Google and the like. Their sites are doing a good job of keeping us informed. Even though fully vaccinated, many folks are still donning the face covering. In the back of our minds, we are still reminded about the elusive variants. Soon it will be flu season, so let's throw that into the mix as well.

Here is a message from our President **Al Popek**: *"We hope everyone had a safe and peaceful Memorial Day Weekend. Here in Stuart, there was a parade*

downtown in honor of the men and women who sacrificed their lives for our country.

Janice hit the trifecta this month and we weren't at the horse races. On June 1st, it was her birthday, the start of the hurricane season and it has been 6 months since her stroke. She is now in long-term care. We aren't sure when she'll be able to return home. Her spirits are good and she is trying hard to get better.

I finally received the results from the third appeal with the insurance company. The Judge ruled in our favor and ordered the insurance company to pay for two full months of fees to the rehab center. I guess a piece of the pie is better than none at all. It was hell going through three appeals. I hope no one else has to go through this process. If you do, don't give up!

We thank everyone for their continued support with e-mails, phone calls, get well cards and prayers. It really helps at a time like this and is most appreciated.

I am still working on starting up our monthly meetings again. More to follow.

We wish everyone a great summer and safe travels. Happy Father's Day to all the Dads. Stay well and enjoy each day, Janice & Al."

From our Vice-President **Bob Langevin**: *"As I reported last month, Sandy and I will be going up to CLE soon for the Annual United Pilot's (CLE Krazies) party. We will be staying there for few days with UAL pilot friends in Vermillion, OH.*

Sandy is going up to RI in July for a few days to celebrate her mother's 95th birthday. When she returns, we'll be going to LAS with another couple for a few days of fun and gambling.

Since the NFL Regular Season starts on Sunday, September 12th, we'll be going down to see a couple of the Miami Dolphins' Home games during the season.

In October, we'll be leaving for London, Scotland and Ireland for about 2 weeks or so on a tour package.

Later in October, we'll be meeting some friends from Ft. Myers, in Tallahassee, to spend the weekend for some fun at Florida State University to attend the FSU vs. U. of Mass football game.

After all that, I think we'll take it easy for awhile and get ready for the holiday season and occupy some time watching both college and NFL football (Go Dolphins and FSU Seminoles)!

Cheers and Blessings from Bob & Sandy".

Update from **Fran & Gene Student**: *"After more than a year, Fran and I got to experience a ride on a real live jet airplane! Our journey on a UAL Boeing 737-800 (in back of the plane coach-only 18 empty seats) ended spectacularly with a bouncy, cross-wind landing at Newark Liberty International Airport-EWR. It was thrilling enough to inspire a rousing, cheering ovation from the assembled passengers on board.*

We visited our son and his wife and old friends and

colleagues in the Hudson Valley. We had brunch celebrating Mothers' Day and Fran's birthday at the Mohonk Mountain House. We attended a MayFest at the Walkway Over the Hudson, sampling the food, wine and spirits of the region. We also made a side trip to visit Fran's favorite aunt and uncle in New London, CT, which included a festive luncheon with cousins and friends at On The Waterfront.

Upon our return to PBI, we took in 2 of the 4 concerts performed by Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefers on the intimate stage at the Old Schoolhouse Square in Delray Beach.

We can't wait until we can ride a jet plane over an ocean!"

Sharon Kirk shares: "I hope everyone had a pleasant Memorial Day. Remember when we called it Decoration Day? I am really dating myself. I hope you remembered to say a prayer for those that are serving now and for those who did in years past. It's for the likes of them and their bravery that we are able to have the freedoms that we all enjoy. It never fails to upset me when I see pictures of soldiers in combat, how young they are, how frightened they must be, and the horrific conditions they find themselves in. It's beyond imagination. Bless them all.

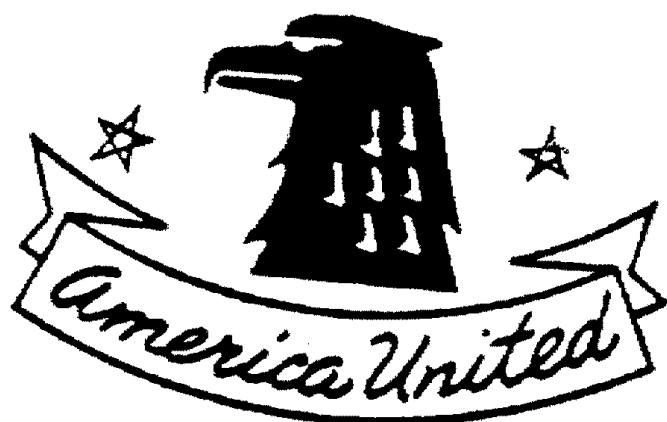
I had lunch with **Soni Bodner** last week. She is doing great. We went to an Indian restaurant. We both love curry, so we ordered 3 entrees and shared them. We ate until we just couldn't swallow another bite. It was so delicious, we couldn't stop eating. We vowed to go back soon.

My son Eric's house is finally done. I keep thinking of the jingle, "I wonder where the yellow went". The house finally looks updated and not lost in the 70's.

It's wonderful to see COVID-19 finally getting under control and the masks coming off. Restaurants are opening to full capacity, sports arenas with real people in them instead of cardboard cut-outs..yes, life goes on."

Birthdays for July include **Truman Barker** and **Anne Kenda**.

Anniversaries include **Diane & Ron Brodis** and **Fran & Gene Student**.



HAWAII

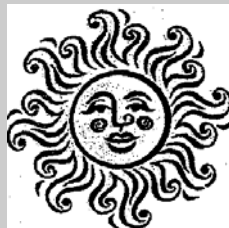


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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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



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

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BOISE GEMS

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This is a big month for us as we are going to meet once again! We are all excited to see everyone and get caught up with everyone. Our meeting will be held at Ling and Louies Restaurant in Meridian, ID, at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday June 22. For those attending the luncheon please email Rick before June 16 as we need to give the restaurant a count of how many will be attending. We look forward to seeing our Boise Gems!

ILLINOIS



July—hang on to your sparkers and fireworks, it's Summer! Six months down, six more to go. I ask this every year, I'll do it again, what have you done? Anything good? Happy? Scandalous? I'd love to hear that one! C'mon, we're not that old. Spend time with your old friends, your kids, grandchildren, even great grandchildren, take a ride with a club, your friends, get out. Pritzger and Lightfoot have let up the restrictions of masks and restaurants, we're free! Maybe I should ask what you have planned for the rest of your life, in 2021. Travel? Surgery? Actually going out to a movie? Fixing up the house? Moving? Buy new pj's, the old ones are worn out! Doubt you're going to just sit around, we did that for 16 months.

Been there, done that! July is all about the Revolutionary War and the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Something about taxation without representation, are you sure that's not happening today? Lots and lots of taxing going on now, but only if you're making a lot of income, maybe. We're retired, I don't know anybody who makes that much, hopefully they won't lower the amount that will affect us middle-class peons. That's when our George told King George we would organize a boycott of British goods, that's where the Boston Tea Party came from in 1773. Lots of fighting and arguing continued, you know our history, finally the Declaration was adopted on July 4, 1776. It wasn't signed until August 2, 1776, in Philadelphia. (Do we get another holiday?) Who were the 56 guys that signed it? Plain people, farmers, lawyers, doctors, soldiers, they just wanted freedom from England, and they finally got it. They always worried about the safety of themselves and their families, since they were considered rebels. The main ones we always hear about were Jefferson, Franklin, and Adams. Now, if we had the electronic accessories then that we do now, my goodness, Patrick Henry wouldn't have had to carry around lanterns, or wait for signals from the Old North church. Washington wouldn't have had to cross the Delaware in that bad, snowy weather, or walk in snowy fields. Gosh, so many conflicts could have been taken care of with a simple phone call. The actual signing of the Declaration could've been done in those men's homes with a Zoom meeting, with all of the participants, sending in

faxes to Philadelphia, instead of riding days to reach the meeting, from their colonies. All throughout history, a small little phone could've saved the day. Fighting for something that important did make it all worth it. All through history, that little phone would've helped Caesar, Napoleon, Churchill, Eisenhower, Patton, ha, he would've had a ball with that! He'd have called Hitler every name in the book, then hung up on him. Fun imagined times.

July has some clever days to celebrate, the 1st is Joke Day, the 2nd is I Forgot Day, and UFO Day, the 3rd, Eat your Beans Day, the 5th, Hawaii Day, the 10th, Pina Colada Day, the 11th, Mojito Day (if you didn't like the Colada), the 12th, Eat your Jello Day, the 14th, Pandemonium Day, no thanks, we had over a year of that, the 17th, Toss Away the 'Could Haves and Should Haves' Day, the 23rd, Gorgeous Grandma Day, the 24th, Tequila Day, the 25th, Wine and Cheese Day, the 27th, Scotch Day, the 30th, Get Gnarly Day. Don't know who makes these up, but they're apparently Alcoholics. The July flower is Water Lily or Larkspur, with the Ruby being your gem.

Our Northside breakfast had 12 retirees, **Jerry Tipperleiter, Joan Teister, Marsha Sealock-Weber, Dave Dunham, Marge Stamm, Ginny Vlach, Peg Maromaty**, 'haven't seen in a while', **Carlton and Judy Hibbert**, newbies **Gary & Renee Jakus**, and yours truly. Many conversations going on, mostly, what have you been doing? How are you? Glad this is almost over!

The Southside breakfast was canceled since I only had one person respond to my invitation.

The ORDMM mechanics also had 12 folks show up, **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Paul Skrudland, LB Neal, Jim Vitte, Dean Hackenberg, Jim Kraft, Rich Protsman, Fred Seibert**, and 'haven't seen in a while, **Pierre Lupori, Don Kramlich**, and yours truly. Pretty much the same conversations, plus a few ailments, and surgeries. That seems to be the favorite topic of conversation. After all, we are over 70, that's kind of the norm. The other ORDMM group had six people, **Bob Smietanski, Stan Chmielewicz, Tom Abraham, Sue & Bart Kendall**, and yours truly. More talk about muscles, bones, surgeries, appointments, cars, airplanes and life in general. Everybody wants to travel again! We're all just happy to see each other without those confounded masks!

The IAM LL1487 had their May meeting, 61 people came for a hot dog lunch and lively conversation. There was one new member, **Dan Carnduff**, ORDCG, welcome to the club, where we always have a good time.

Our Skyliner Club is in the process of planning a luncheon very soon. As soon as we decide on a date, we'll send out the information. Our breakfasts are picking up, very good news. Hope you are all anxiously

waiting for one of our luncheons. We're eager to plan it, get back in the swing of things, and see you all again.

This month, we're looking at the Demise of a Legend, the Chicago Tribune. The paper started in 1847, was destroyed by the big fire, rebuilt, and continued in the reins of Robert McCormick and Joseph Patterson. Over the years they bought other papers, in LAX, BAL, BDL, NYC. Unfortunately, they over extended themselves, and filed for bankruptcy in 2008. Sam Zell, Chicago investor, bought out the Tribune with intentions to take the company private. Because of a sharp downturn in advertising revenue, the paper had a debt load totaling \$13 billion. It took over four years to exit from Chapter 11. Oaktree Capital, JPMorgan Chase and Angelo, Gordon & Company assumed control of the Tribune. In 2013, they cut 700 jobs from the paper. For many years, it went back and forth to different owners and even buying other papers for their Tribune Publishing Company. In 2019, Alden Global Capital, a New York City based hedge fund acquired 32% of the Tribune. During the Covid 19, in 2020, they closed many of their newsrooms in NYC, BDL, Orlando, and others. Then in May of 2021, the Trib was acquired by Alden, a company that's known for severe cost-cutting. They immediately let go 30% of the staff, then offered a buyout to non-union employees. Other regional holdings include the Naperville Sun, Elgin Courier-News, Post Tribune of Northwest Indiana, Daily Southtown Pioneer Press and the monthly Chicago and Naperville magazine. If a person's buy-out was approved, they were gone within the week. The CEO left the day Alden walked in. They are presently \$278 million in debt, with people getting their news on the internet, no wonder the advertising income is down. With writers leaving, who knows how this will end, no writers, no news. I remember my grandfather sending me to the newsstand after church on Sundays. I'd get the Tribune, Sun Times and the Daily News. Those were heavy to carry home, but my family read all of them. The News is gone, the Times is in a similarly sad situation, now my favorite, the Trib, is definitely in trouble. My Aunt Gen used to write for the Tribune for 31 years, so we always had the paper around the house, it was special to us. Thanks for letting me ramble on, but this is just one more thing leaving our world, Marshall Field's, Carson's, Macy's, Penney's, Sear's, my God, Sear's? I won't even mention the restaurants. It's a whole new world out there, the pandemic sure didn't help. I guess that's why I push us all to get out and enjoy. Someday we'll get closed down, too.

Our fellow employees that Flew West last month include **Bill Bruso**, OPBOP, **Ray Johnson**, **Ray Kennedy**, **Eric Fors**, ORDCG, from ORDFO, **Glen Peterson**, **Roger Dreher**, **Colleen Poleski**, wife of **Matt**, **Loyce McNutt**, wife of **Al**, **Bernard Bringe**, EXOKV, **Lillian Mallstrom**, wife of **Roe**, ORDSW, lost her two

brothers within three months, from ORDMM, **Bob Mukenschanable**, and **Ron Wiedenfeld**, ORDMM/ORDIQ, father of **Brian**, **Kurt** and **Bruce**, all from ORDMM. Also gone from our world, our Lt. Governor, Corinne Woods, singers Lloyd Price (Stagger Lee), BJ Thomas, Pervis Staples, John Davis (Milli Vanilli), Actors, Charles Groden, Norman Lloyd, Gavin McLeod, Arlene Golonka, Clarence Williams (Mod Squad), comedian Paul Mooney, writer, Eric Carle, Senator John Warner, F. Lee Bailey, Helmut Hahn, architect, designed the Thompson Center, the United Center, our Terminal 1 at ORD, and many more prominent buildings worldwide.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire lifetime to forget them. We all have at least one good friend like that, don't we? I hope you do, I've been lucky to have a few that touched my life, but they went to heaven, I miss them so much. Hope they're keeping my wine chilled until I see them again.

Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**July 27**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM 1487 Monthly Meeting, IAM 1487, 50 W. Oakton Ave., Mt. Prospect, (**July 1**) 11:00 A.M.

RUPA Lunch, Nick's Pizza, 856 Pyott Rd, Crystal Lake, (**July 13**) 11:00 A.M.

September 28 – October 2 – RUAEA convention in SAN. See the tours and hotel information in this issue. Sounds like a beautiful hotel and a lot to do

INDIANA



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I'm happy to report that attendance at our May chapter meeting was strong. We even had 2 guests and one decided to join our chapter. In attendance were **Hannelor Brabo**, **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Frank Ingegno**, **Edward Loftus**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, and **Barb & Bill Stout**. We welcomed two guests, **Allan Miller** and **Ron Bretherick**. Alan has chosen to join the chapter.

We commenced planning for our July Chapter Picnic and October Air force Museum trip. The picnic will be on Tuesday, July 13th at Avon Town Hall Park. All chapter members and their guests are welcome. The Dayton Ohio, U.S. Air force Museum trip is tentatively scheduled for October 19, 2021. It will be open to chapter members.

The September RUAEA convention was mentioned. Email with information was sent to all chapter members.

Lucky **Bob Duty** won this month's 50/50 drawing, drinks are on Bob!

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


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

Our future meetings schedule for 2021.

- July 13 at Emmy's
- August 10 at Emmy's
- September 14 at Emmy's
- October 12 at Emmy's

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Our chapter did not meet so there is no meeting news. At last summer is here. I hope everyone enjoys the Fourth of July holiday. Remember to be safe. A lot of people don't have both shots yet, against Covid-19. And there are individuals who don't want to get vaccinated at all. So, consider wearing your mask and being careful while enjoying watching fireworks! It's important not to let your guard down yet. The old airline wording, Think Safety.

Here's hoping everyone has a great summer!

July's birthdays ~ **Elizabeth Palmer, Joan Twing and Paul Ward.**

July's anniversaries ~ **Ron & Joyce Heisler** (63 years), **Don & Kathy Latter** (26), **Paul & Eileen O'Mara** (55), and **Elizabeth & Joe Palmer** (54).

Calendar:

Wear your mask, think safety and stay healthy!

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We are sorry to report of the death of two of our DTWRR United family members:

Sharon Jacob passed away peacefully, with her family at her side, on May 16. She was just a month shy of her 86th birthday. Battling health issues for several years, she still made almost all the monthly retiree luncheons. We were always so delighted that her daughters or son would bring her to join her friends.

Pat McElhone's wife, **Henri**, passed away on April 22 from Alzheimer's. What a fun loving person. We have happy memories of laughter filled luncheons. One luncheon many years ago lasted 6 hours! Rick and I thought that they were going to kick us out of the mall. Cards can be sent to **Pat McElhone**, 3090 W. Rattalee Lake Rd., Holly, MI 48442. A private ceremony is being held at the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Thought for the month: *"There is no passion to be found in playing small, in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living."* ~ Nelson Mandela

MINNESOTA

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Sorry I skipped last month's newsletter. There just wasn't much happening.

I heard from **Al Kilian**; he & **Mary** are finally able to live life a bit more normally, what with the Covid restrictions being lifted. I think we're all breathing a huge sigh of relief that life is getting back to normal.

NEVADA


For those of us who enjoyed the semi-annual meetings of the Northwoods Loonies chapter of RUAEA, you'll probably remember those three nutty ladies from Detroit who rarely missed a session, no matter where it was held. **Sharon Jacob, Marie Cook** and Marie's sister, **Joan Petry** always seemed to enjoy renewing old friendships every six months. I recently received word that Sharon passed away on May 16th, so the trio are now reunited in heaven (I'm pretty sure they're all there ...).

This is the catch-up month for sad news, I guess. I just received notice that still-active MSP Ramp Serviceman, **Keith Lord**, passed away suddenly June 1st; and the sudden passing of **Jane Falada's** mother, who is still an active MSP Customer Service agent. At press time, I don't have any other details to share.

On a happier note, there's a chapter within the Northern Lites chapter called the "Northern Northern Lites", consisting of **Jim & Mary Brennan, Joe & Arlene Kelley** and **Rich & Connie Glattly** who meet for brunch and visiting on the 2nd Thursday of the month in Willow River, MN at Peggy Sue's Cafe. Why on Thursday, you ask? Peggy makes pecan caramel rolls to die for but only on Thursdays and it's best not to wait until lunchtime if you want one; especially now that all the Lake People have returned from the Cities for the summer. Anyone wishing to join us, let me know so that we can plan to have the extra rolls ...

A reminder that the Convention Package is included in this month's issue of the newsletter; kudos to the folks in San Diego who are tasked with putting on the show. I remember all the work we did when the Lites held the convention in 1999 ~ we had 1 short of a thousand registrants (not all were able to attend, but we thought that was amazing!). This year's convention may be attended by friends and relatives, not just RUAEA members or retirees. Consider getting outta Dodge and taking part in the festivities!

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





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Well, the State of Nevada is finally open with no restriction or mandates in place from the Governor's Office. Like many other states, mask and social distancing is not mandatory anymore for gatherings. The number of people in a gathering can be as much as the room capacity.

I started back in Sun City Summerlin doing Security Patrol which was halted in March of last year because of the virus. It felt really good to get out of the house and start to socialize with other people, not that I don't mind being with my wife 24/7, but new faces and conversations make the day.

My wife also resumed doing her stained glass project for our daughter that again was halted in March of 2020. Georgia is the Secretary of the Club and even though the club was partially open with many restrictions the last few months, she did not attend or work on her project. Also, Georgia will soon resume her volunteer work at the Clark County Public Library Summerlin Branch, again not having me around 24/7 is a big positive change for her. It is wonderful to get out and about with a minimal number of restrictions and mandates to follow, it's wonderful to feel human again.

With great sadness, I want to report that we lost another member back on April 6, 2021; he was a long time member and our past Silverliners President, **John Albert**. We are not fully sure as to the cause for John's passing; whether it was the virus or natural causes. Since John's wife passed a while back, he lived alone with a sister back in the Washington, DC area. One of our members tried to make contact but was unsuccessful. John is just one of a number of members we had to say good bye to the past 18 months, it has been sad and heart breaking for our members.

The Board Members still plan to meet sometime in late July or August to go over our Luncheon Plans with Giuseppe's manager Vince. At that time, we will review the menu, cost and any other item related to the Luncheon. I will send out a letter at that time informing all Members of the information we have.

The Silverliners will try and hold their Luncheon Meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The next confirmed Luncheon is planned for October

14th. The Luncheon meetings will be held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 2630 W. Horizon Ridge Henderson, NV 89052. If you are in Las Vegas and or planning a trip here you are more than welcome to come to our meeting and visit with our members, you may even know or worked with one of them. Email **Don Rutkowski** at geodon1192@gmail.com or call him at (702) 300-4038; we will be glad to see you.



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There were 12 members at our May meeting at The Black Bear Diner.

A big thank you to **Kathy Robinson** for stepping in and hosting the meeting while John and I traveled to Puerto Vallarta. In this post-COVID world, there were a few extra steps but nothing too overwhelming. The resort we stayed at made it easy to schedule and receive our pre-return COVID test as required by the US.

We are still waiting to hear from Tamarack Junction about our Christmas luncheon.

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

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Kathy Robinson**.

Our next meeting will be June 14 at The Black Bear Diner on S. Virginia St at 11:00 a.m. The restaurant is limited to 24 in the back room, with 6 at each table. Please continue to RSVP. Thanks.

NEW JERSEY



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Submitted by Garden Staters President Frank Warzocha:


After months of being inactive due to the virus, we finally had our first meeting at the Stage House Tavern on May 26. Even though some regulars couldn't make the meeting, we had a good time.

We added 3 new members to our group, **Mike Hanley**, **Joanne Kurowski** of United and **Adelino Henriques**, a Continental/United retired employee.

Marty Etler and **Stan Kot** were in the hospital, Stan recovering at home and Marty recovering in a nursing home until he's ready to leave. All of us wish them well.

Our next meeting is June 30 at the Stage House Tavern.


NEW YORK



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


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



NEW YORK METROS
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There is no report this month from the New York Metros chapter of RUAEA.

OHIO



OHIO BUCKEYES
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May luncheon report ~ We have an update to our plans for the coming months. Originally, the Buckeyes were planning on not going to our annual picnic at the Chalet in Strongsville because the building there would still be closed because of Covid. But since things have lightened up, we are back to having our picnic ...

Yaaay. It will be on August 4th. We are having a Nautica cruise on July 7th. President **Dolly Taucher** is working on the rest of the luncheons for the balance of the year and we will get that info at our picnic.

There are a few people that haven't gotten their dues in yet so would appreciate them doing so quickly.

The weather here is getting better. Thank goodness.

OREGON



Another step forward! The CDC has lifted restrictions for fully vaccinated folks, so it is okay for us to meet in person! Unfortunately, Colwood Grill is still closed, so we remain in a holding pattern. We will continue to monitor their opening so we can set up a meeting. Oh, so close, yet still so far!

Remember, vaccination will be a prerequisite for attendance. Sorry folks, no exceptions.

In the meantime, another dose of humor, with a little bit of philosophy thrown in, to help lighten your mood while we wait. Enjoy!

- ☺ Have you ever wondered if maybe your dogs follow you to the bathroom because you go outside with them? So they think that's just the way it goes?
- ☺ Cop: You were going fast. Me: I was just trying to keep up with traffic. Cop: There isn't any traffic. Me: I know! That's how far behind I am.
- ☺ I'll tell you why I can't lose weight ... I've got metal fillings in my teeth and my refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen.
- ☺ When you cannot control what's happening, control the way you respond to what's happening for that is where your Power is!
- ☺ I remember the old days ... When "Snap, Crackle and Pop" were sounds that came from my cereal, not my body!
- ☺ I don't have time to Google lyrics ... I sing what I hear.
- ☺ You can't tell me what to do! You're not my Grandkids.
- ☺ So I got a call from a telemarketer and he said he couldn't understand me. I told him press 1 for English.

- ☺ Welcome to the Pacific Northwest in June. Winter is from 10pm-8am, Spring is from 8am-11am, Summer starts at 11am and lasts until 4pm. Fall lasts from 4pm-10pm when winter kicks back in. Try to dress accordingly.
- ☺ I'm giving up eating chocolate for a month. Sorry, bad punctuation. I'm giving up. Eating chocolate for a month.
- ☺ If a cookie falls on the floor and you pick it up ... that's a squat, right?
- ☺ After such a long period of social isolation, you'd think I was wanted for murder the way I react when someone knocks on my door.
- ☺ There's a strange voice in my head saying: "vacuum the floor, clean the house!" Luckily, my mom always told me not to listen to strangers!
- ☺ There should be a calorie refund for things that didn't taste as good as you expected.
- ☺ Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.
- ☺ I hired a handy man and gave him a list. When I got home, only items #1, 3, & 5 were done. Turns out, he only does odd jobs.
- ☺ All of my childhood punishments have become my adult goals: Eating vegetables, staying home, having a nap, going to bed early.
- ☺ When thinking about life, remember this: No amount of guilt can solve the past, and no amount of anxiety can change the future.
- ☺ One minute you're young and fun and the next minute you predict the weather with your bad knee.
- ☺ My favorite childhood memory is having energy.
- ☺ Getting older is just one body part after another saying, "Oh, you think that's bad?? Ha ha ha! Watch this!"
- ☺ Ok, I can't prove this, but I swear, I used to be smarter, funnier, and less tired!
- ☺ Reading won't solve your problems; but then again neither will housework.
- ☺ I'm getting real sick and tired of food having calories!
- ☺ I think the proper term for "senior" women should be: Queen-agers. That is all. Carry on.
- ☺ Best childhood memory ... Falling asleep on the couch and waking up in bed. I miss teleporting. It never happens anymore.
- ☺ Did you know that water is the most essential element of life? Obviously, because without water, you can't make coffee.
- ☺ Got up this morning and ran around the block 5

times. Then I got tired, so I picked up the block and put it back in the toy box.

- ☺ Don't you hate it when you walk past a senior person and realize it's an old classmate.
- ☺ If you wear your jeans 5 days in a row, they become all baggy and it looks like you're losing weight. Follow me for more life pro tips.
- ☺ I had salad for dinner. Actually a fruit salad. Well, mostly grapes. Okay, all grapes. Fermented grapes ... wine. I had wine for dinner.
- ☺ I wish everything was as easy as getting fat.

Once again, I am closing with a beautiful Haiku, author unknown, discovered by member **Kathy Russell**:

*We isolate now
So when we gather again
No one is missing.*

Remember: Also highly contagious is – Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude. Don't wait to catch it from others, be the carrier!

Calendar:


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

PENNSYLVANIA

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



	<u>PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS</u> Bill Chicots 2419 Rochester Road Sewickley, PA. 15143 (412) 352-7375 firechief158@gmail.com
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The COVID restrictions have been easing in Pennsylvania since the rollout of vaccines so maybe the Pit-Stoppers will be able to meet again before summer is over. **Bill Chicots** is still nursing his spine injury; he is almost back to normal but still has discomfort after activity.

From **Mary Jane Stewart**: Sadly, I must once again report the loss of a very dear friend. **Beverly Alderdice** began her career with Capital Airline in NYCRR in 1960 and transferred back to her hometown of Pittsburgh in 1961. It was in PITRR working the Mainliner desk alongside **Dale Bates** that the three of us became lifelong friends. I moved to CLERR in 1974 when PITRR closed, but left the Mainliner Desk employees behind.

Bev and Dale were not far behind and soon joined the rest of us. Bev always loved Florida and she and her husband Paul transferred there, where she finally retired from TPACS in 1997. Of course, the airline just couldn't do without her and called her back as a contract employee. Since she had recently lost her Paul, she heeded the call and returned for a short period of time.

Bev was a great RUAEA member and served as the Tampa Bay Chapter President for many years. I know that group will also miss her very much. Of course, the person who misses her the most is her sister, **Arlene Brahm**, who also worked with us in CLERR. When you think of "Lives Well Lived" you can put Bev in that column. We will miss you my friend.

Received word that **Tom Buzard** (PITCG) passed away recently, Tom relocated to Tennessee after retirement, I remember Tom being involved with the IAM EAP committee for many years.

April Birthdays ~ **Mitch Abbas** and **Dave Detwiller**.

May Birthdays ~ **Carl Chiocchi**, **Johnna Chicots** and **Dee Chiocchi**.

May Anniversaries ~ **Carl & Dee Chiocchi** and **Vic & Joan Ferrence**.

June Birthdays ~ **Jim Weber**.

June Anniversaries ~ **Dave & Gwen Detwiller**.



TENNESSEE




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There is no report this month from the Tennessee Rocky Tops chapter of RUAEA.

For Luncheon/Meeting's location, please contact Carolyn at the above phone number.


UTAH



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

WASHINGTON



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June 30 was the proposed date for almost everything in the State of Washington to reopen to pre-pandemic status, with precautions in place. Let's hope that our August report can publish that this really happened. Fie on COVID-19!

Some graduations and sporting events already are getting back to "normal," though nobody seems sure about what "normal" will be from now on. It is predicted that institutions offering summer school classes will be roundly applauded and popular with students and parents alike now that school-aged kids have access to the anti-virus vaccine. There haven't yet been items saying how teachers feel.

There have been no Emerald City Slickers meetings since March 2020, but there is hope that we'll see at

least a core group of hopefully-vaccinated members this month, when the chapter's "annual" summer picnic will be held the second Tuesday of August. Let's hear it for Co-Presidents **Ken Storey** and **Kathie Torgison** and other board members for making arrangements for this momentous event. Treasurer **Bonnie Frey** will take reservations.

Thanks again to **Kathi Skarbo** for opening her lovely Lake Burien waterfront home, which will provide for easy outdoor social distancing at the picnic. The caterer has been engaged to provide a delicious barbecue lunch. Further details will be available toward the end of July via this column (in the August issue) and a special mailing to chapter members. It is expected that members will discuss the possibility of resuming chapter meetings in the fall.

Last October our own **Lilly Kodama** (SEAMD) appeared on TV with re-elected Washington Governor Jay Inslee, a Bainbridge Island neighbor. Prior to her retirement, Lilly was the nurse in the United Airlines Medical Office in the Administration Building at SeaTac Airport.

Lilly has occasionally attended our chapter luncheons, but it's a long trip over and back from Bainbridge. She recalls that some years ago she was on a United flight when a loud-speaker announcement noted it as a historic flight, with an all-female cockpit crew – a real milestone.

In retirement, Lilly has spent her spare time volunteering at the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum as a docent and a speaker on the incarceration of West Coast Japanese Americans during WWII, a subject much in the news over the past couple years. Lilly and her family were taken away from their home, as were many others, and relocated to a California internment facility under President Franklin Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 covering the years 1942-1945. When asked to tell more about what happened during World War II, Lilly responded with the following narrative:

"I now live in the house my grandfather originally owned, and subsequently my parents. I was their first born and now I am back living in the house where I started my life. The Bainbridge Island Japanese were the first group to be removed from the West Coast even before the larger populations of Japanese of major cities such as SFO, LAX or SEA.

There are many different viewpoints about why this was so. American incarceration camps were yet to be constructed and we were taken to Manzanar in California where there were a few barracks already constructed to accommodate a group as small as our Bainbridge community, which happened to be located between Seattle and Bremerton. As more barracks were constructed families from California began to be brought in. I am relating this to explain why our story is

such a large part of Bainbridge Island's history ...

...The Bainbridge Island Review' editorialized at the time against our incarceration, pointing out that these are our friends and neighbors and that the entire episode was unconstitutional. It was the only West Coast news media to do so and they were honored for it years later.

All during the relocation the Review published articles sent in by reporters from camp with news of special events, births, deaths, and the usual small-town news of that era. With the Review's efforts like this the remaining Islanders who were not taken away did not lose track of us and after the war ended it is said that the highest percentage of returnees to their original homes was on Bainbridge Island. I feel so strongly about my hometown and how important friends are and how we are human beings first.

I felt that my working in Medical at SeaTac was just perfect and was the work community I loved."

Now we are in the middle of the second "Summer That Was," though 2021 is quite an improvement over 2020. Here's to a safe and sane 4th of July, as we like to say. Wave the flag and count your blessings, especially those allowing us to live in a free country, where citizens can (and sometimes actually do) work together to defeat the enemy, whether a foreign military power or a life-threatening medical issue. Here's to the Red, White and Blue!

Happy Birthday, USA!

Calendar:


August 10 – Tuesday, Chapter Picnic/Barbecue

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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.

	<u>THE DULLES LOUNGERS</u> Washington, D.C. Mari McColl Past President marimccoll@aol.com
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There is no report this month from the Dulles Loungers chapter of RUAEA.

NATIONAL

	<u>CLIPPED WINGS</u> Barbara Dunkelman Clipped Wings Vice President barbdunkelman310@gmail.com
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Hello RUAEA,

Here is a Clipped Wings update. I want all of you to know that the Special Olympics will be in Orlando, Florida on June 5-12 of 2022. They want Clipped Wings members to come early (June 2) to do some tasks. This year they are planning on having 400 Cessna airplanes which will deliver the athletes to the games, as well as athletes arriving on regular commercial flights.

Many of our chapters are starting to meet in person at luncheon and outside gathering. My PIT Chapter had a luncheon inside at a country club. We had 6 members in attendance which was good since we only have 9 members in our chapter.

June 14, is Flag Day. Let's all of us hang our flags out, as it has been quite a year. Also remember to celebrate Father's Day on June 20. The ones of us who are lucky enough to have our Dads, be sure and give him a special hug. It is also the first day of summer so you will have extra sunlight to celebrate.

We had our May Executive Board Meeting. The official number of Clipped Wings members is 1,041, which 52 are new members. Deadline for our Quarterly newsletter is September 15, if you have any news. The Quarterly will be going out November 1.

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



NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **May 2021**:

Becker, Leonard, SFO, 48 McDivitt Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314

Brown, Gary, 4833 N. St. Louis, Chicago, IL 60625

Couvillon, Audrey, HQSLG, 16706 Capewood Dr., Humble, TX 77396

Fus, Steve, 65 E. Monroe St., Unit 4304, Chicago, IL 60603

Hone, Eunice, MIASW, 102 NE 2nd Pl., Dania Beach, FL 33004

Manifold, Mary Louise, ORDCG, 4014 Ingersol Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20902



CONTRIBUTIONS

The association acknowledges contributions to the postal fund from the following members:

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **May 2021**:

Jacqueline M. Anderson, Frankie Armstead, Boyd L. Ashcraft, Lonnie E. Autry, Michael L. Bailardo, Nancy M. Bain, Dale E. Bates, Albert R. Bentham, Nancy J. Bessenbacher, Jacqueline R. Bradley, Herman O. Bressler, Gary Brown, Carol A. Burnett, Anthony Caputo, Marilyn J. Cheadle, John W. Coleman, Jacqueline Corr, Christina A. Daley, Richard L. Dean, Herbert E. Delker, Donna R. Diksis, Your Cause Donation, Robert E. Duffey, Shirley K. Elrod, Robert L. England, Charlotte J. Flagg, John D. Fleck, Mary Florent, John Florent, Leonard T. Friedel, Helen M. Habeeb, Orville E. Harshbarger, Glenn M. Heywood, William J. Hindman, Sylvia A. Hirning, Larry L. Hoover, Joan Howe, John Jewart, Christopher A. Johnston, Henry E. Kalani, Raymond Klapatauskas, Mary Louise Manifold, Melvin J. Pete Mason, Stella M. McCaffrey, Bob Meier, Paula S. Moody, John D. Muir, Dawn Murphy, Paul E. Olson, Janina Pietrzyk, Richard A. Romshe, Anne Rosenstein, Art Rugh, Bernard V. Sanford, William C. Speicher, Boris M. Spitz, James H. Staib, Donna M. Stewart, James R. Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Mabel Tom, Karen S. Williams, William W. Witt, Rick Wright, Beverly A. Yeager, Robert M. Zweighardt.



OBITUARIES

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

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

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

Spouse – **Brelsford, Marlene**, on 3/23/2021, wife of Robert O. Brelsford, DENMM, 257 Trot St., Aurora, CO 80011

Retiree – **Bringe, Bernard G.**, on 4/10/2021, WHQKV, husband of Erna T. Bringe, 1588 Clover Dr., Inverness, IL 60067

Retiree – **Bruso, William R.**, on 5/15/2021, OPBOP, husband of Maxine Bruso, 217 S. Candota Ave., Mt Prospect, IL 60056

Spouse – **Duensing, Antoinett**, 4/20/2021, wife of Robert E. Duensing, DENTK, 5940 E. 114th Ave., Thornton, CO 80233

Retiree – **Fors, Eric W.**, on 5/29/2021, ORDCG, husband of Marilyn (Lance) Fors, 817 Ridgemoor W., Willowbrook, IL 60521

Retiree – **Stotler, Charles R.**, on 4/17/2021, SFOPD, husband of Gail E. Stotler, 1555 Orange Street, Concord, CA 94518.

Retiree – **Mukenschnabl, Robert F. "Bob"**, on 6/2/2021, ORDMM, husband of Cynthia (Driessen) Mukenschnabl, St Charles, IL.

Retiree – **Wiedenfeld, Ronald E.**, on 6/4/2021, ORDMM/ORDIQ, husband of Rita Wiedenfeld (deceased), 12979 Brookwood Drive, Huntley, IL 60142



Letters & Notes



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

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

Jacqueline Anderson, Lonnie Autry, Anthony Caputo, Richard Dean, Robert Duffey, Joan Hoffmann, JoAnn Hubbard, Martha Irwin, John Muir, William Speicher, Carol Stoop, Valerie Veitch, Ken & Beverly Yeager.

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.)

Nel Brawner, 2978 27 1/4 St., Birchwood, WI 54817

Another year has passed and I am glad to be retired. Life was always interesting at work but I am grateful not to be involved in today's situations. I would surely be gray, no matter my age.

Take care you all and thanks for your ongoing work to keep us informed and together as a caring group.

Patricia Conrad, 21011 W. Torrey Pines Ct., Plainfield, IL 60544

I have truly enjoyed the Newsletter for the 29 years of my retirement.

United and the Retiree Organizations are truly a Class Act in my book.

Bill Corbett, 18616 Wentworth Ave., Lansing, IL 60438

First off I want to thank everyone who sent me well wishes during my heart bypass experience. It was extremely hard on Kathy as it all came on with no warning signs at all. So the quadruple bypass open heart surgery was on January 22, a Friday, it took 5 hours and I went home that Monday. Then 2 weeks later my BP was all messed up and I fell down and cracked my head twice. All is good just now and I am recovering everyday. It might take a full year to fully recover, but at least I am headed in the right direction.

Once again thank you to all.

Charlotte Flagg, 202 Stonemill Ln., Oswego, IL 60543

Dear friends and hard workers, it is hard to believe it has been 21 years since I hung up the phone after 45 years in reservations.

I am glad that I am still able to get around good and take care of myself.

I don't do any traveling now, which I miss. But I am glad I was able to do a lot while still working. Without computer connections, I am left out.

Joyce Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Dr., Valrico, FL 33596

I almost forgot, what a year since my last.

For my 80th birthday 4/2020, we zoomed; a new word for me but believe me, I know it now, with church meetings and weekly zoom with family.

I look forward to my next birthdays.

Maybe the masks will be off and we can all get together.

Thank you, RUAEA for all you do and thank you members for your wonderful stories and games during 2020.

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

Thank you all for the hard work in putting together the newsletter every month.

This will be 28 years since retiring; and I am enjoying every moment of it.

Since the Covid virus, I ride my special bike at home 30 minutes every work day. I do this to keep in shape as "old age" is creeping up on me. On my birthday I will be 91.

I will take this opportunity to say "Hello" to all of them before we all go west!



Bill McKay, 3123 Dillon Ct., Toms River, NJ 08755

Thanks for the reminder; I must have forgotten the notice.

The newsletter is great, keep it coming.

My United years (38) were fantastic and they “flew” by so fast.

Dawn Murphy, 13100 Sinton Ln., Austin, TX 78729

Thank you for the work you do to keep us updated.

I especially want to thank the Oregon Dewers for all the little tidbits of humor they share with us. It really brightens up the week.

Janina Pietrzak, 860 Lomita Ave., Millbrae, CA 94030

Thank you for the reminder that this is my month to renew.

At 96, I am well and hope that we all will be out and about soon.

Carole Rogers, 2418 Welworth Ave., Rockford, IL 61108

Thank you for the heads up, another “senior moment”.

I had some medical emergency for my husband, but he is doing much better now.

I worked at United for 28 years and as of February, I have been retired 28 years.

Thank you for all you do for us.

Art Kruegel, 9032 S. 29th St., Franklin, WI 53132

Re. the article on the back page of the May, 2021 issue of the RUAEA: **Dick Wicklund** wrote about his adventure in Vietnam. I would like to just add to his short reference Bien Hoa Air Base.

I was there between June and December, 1965 with the 307th TFS and their F100 D/F fighter jets. When we landed there, we all noticed a pile of scrap metal along side of the ramp where we were to park our fighters. We asked what that pile was, and were told it was what was left of the B57's that were deployed there. That put a whole different meaning in our mind of our “temporary” deployment there.

It was an interesting deployment for us, being a short distance from the “Paris of the Far East” (also known then as Saigon.)

Assigned to the 31st TFW January 1964 to June 1967.



Notes

Michael Bailardo

I am 83, still kicking and living in the Palm Springs, CA area. If you are looking to visit, you are more than welcome. If you are retired and looking to relocate to a quieter area, you are welcome too. However, if you are looking to relocate, work from home and bring your big city habits with you, I am sorry, we have no vacancies.

Happy retirement to everyone!

Steven Beguin

We have been retired now for a dozen years and my wife wants to travel more. You are one of the best groups to provide travel information.

Terry Doppler

I have been traveling in my RV for the past couple of years. I completed my 50 states last fall. It is hard to believe I have been out to pasture for 19 years. The first 14 were good but my wife passed 4 years ago and I have not been right since. My dog, Carter has helped as have the friends I have seen in my travels. Also have an adult beverage every so often with friends helps too. Be well and keep your family close; your kids will get to pick your home.

Ruth Funk

Just keeping in touch.

Steve Fus

I keep busy with my solo law practice and am a founding board member of the United Airlines Legacy Foundation.

Clyde Johnson

UAL is the reason I could raise 4 children and have a good job to go to for almost 40 years. RUAEA is the reason I could enjoy the ongoing friendships and remembrances for the last 27 years. My wife, Doris and I are privileged to be growing old in God's country.

Elaine Tillman-Mannella

Is there a blinding light at the end of the Covid tunnel? Well, maybe not blinding but a light in the West for sure, the Convention in San Diego in September.

I am so looking forward to seeing folks and getting the latest scoop. Thanks to RUAEA!



Stella McCaffrey

It is coming up on 20 years of retirement this year. I enjoy reading the newsletter and looking forward to resuming meetings with our local Chapter in SW Florida in the not too distant future.

Art Rugh

A big thank you to all of the RUAEA volunteers for all your efforts in keeping RUAEA alive!

Also I want to say hello to my many friends across the system. I am still very active and still flying my Radio Control Airplanes.

I am looking forward to meeting up again with friends at the convention in San Diego.

Svein Seljeseth

I have been retired since April 1, 2002. My wife and I live in Sequim, WA, NW of Seattle, on 5 acres. We have two horses, two dogs, three cats, seven chickens and one bunny. Animals are part of our lives and can not imagine not having them around.

I really enjoy getting the newsletter and seeing and reading about people I used to work with in SFO and DEN.

Keep up the good work.

Boris Spitz

I really enjoy getting the newsletter in printed form. Keep up the good work. I just turned 80 in May and have many good memories of people at UAL. I am sorry to hear of those who have "flown west"; I hope all stay well. ■

4TH OF JULY



Important Phone Numbers



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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

United Employee Service Center

1-877-825-3729, esc@united.com (email)

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

For flight information and to list or change listing Password for Pass Line –your birthday, mmddyy \$25 fee to create new booking

Employee Travel Center

ETC@united.com (email)

Flying Together Help Desk

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

Aetna Medicare Advantage 1-866-246-8088

BC/BS 1-800-535-9825

PBGC - for all retiree pension questions

1-800-400-7242, <http://www.pbgc.gov>

Social Security Administration

1-800-772-1213, <http://www.ssa.gov>

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RUAEA Convention 2021



San Diego - America's Finest City!

**Welcome to the 2021
RUAEA Convention
San Diego, CA
September 28 - October 2, 2021**

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Welcome to the 2021 RUAEA Convention

RUAEA and the RESANS would like to welcome all of you to this year's Convention. There is a lot to pack into this wonderful time of year, so we encourage you to come in earlier or stay later to enjoy all the tours and festivities. The Convention is open to all members of RUAEA and other branches of the United Family, including; RUPA (**R**etired **U**nited **P**ilots **A**ssociation), Clipped Wings (Former & current UA Flight Attendants), Golden Eagles (Retired Continental Pilots), ARECA (**A**ssociation of **R**etired **E**mployees of **C**ontinental **A**irlines), RAFA (**R**etiree **A**ssociation of **F**light **A**ttendants), the IAM Retiree Association and Golden Penguins (Former Continental Flight Attendants). We encourage you to bring friends and family to this great city, tours and camaraderie we all share at the Convention.

Our hotel is the **DANA on Mission Bay**, 1710 W. Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, 92109. Check the hotel information on page C4. **Very important – RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention so please book through the hotel as described on page C-4. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty.**

The Hospitality Suite in the Marina-Pacific Room is the hub of our activities, the place to meet your old friends and make new ones! This is where you will find our 50/50 and Special Raffles ticket sales.

The **RUAEA Banquet** will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 in the Marina Garden. We will not be offering table assignments this year but will have a signup sheet available. Our dress code for this evening will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional, so bring all your friends. **Remember that the RUAEA Banquet is a three-course dinner followed by entertainment.**

There are a variety of tours; many tours fill up fast so register as early as you can! Taking in the sites with your friends is always fun. While we would like you to take part in our tour package, we know there are so many things to do and see in the San Diego area. You may want to arrive early and/or stay late to do somethings on your own. The hotel is offering the convention rate three days prior to three days post-convention based on availability.

See pages C 6-7 for details and sign up early.

Representatives of the **United Airlines Historical Foundation** (UAHF) may be present. Donations always welcome and donations are tax deductible, as UAHF is a non-profit organization.

Members of Clipped Wings will be present to represent current and former UAL/CO Flight Attendants. They will have items for purchase. Proceeds go to their philanthropic group - Special Olympics.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Convention at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or **Hank Gosselin** – VP Conventions at henrygosselin@comcast.net.

Transportation Information

For travel to and from San Diego, don't forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare. Other carriers serving San Diego are Alaska, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Hawaiian, Jet Blue, Southwest, Spirit, and Sun Country. ID90 is available on most carriers. Be sure to check Travel in Flying Together for booking and listing information. One of the best ways to access flying-together and the travel section is to go to ruaea.org and click on the link.

Ground Transportation

The hotel does not have an airport shuttle, other options are:

❖ **Yellow Cab 1-888-710-3391**

❖ **San Diego Airport Taxi 1-858-227-9272**

❖ **Get an app on your cell phone for Uber or Lyft (in most cases this would be more economical)**

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San Diego Convention Information

50/50 RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE

The popular 50/50 Raffle will be held each evening in the Hospitality room, at 6:30 PM. The drawing for the Special Raffle will be held Friday at 6:30 PM. The special raffle will feature gift cards. Tickets for 50/50 and the Special Raffle may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours. Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour as sales end each evening at 6:15 PM.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING

Don Burbank, RUAEA President, invites all Chapter Presidents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Thursday morning 7:00 – 8:00 AM, location to be announced. RSVP to **Mary Jane Stewart** at (724) 745-8703 or email stewartmaryjane@aol.com prior to September 15, 2021.

CORRESPONDENTS' MEETING

Francis Domaratius, Newsletter Manager, invites all Newsletter Correspondents (or their alternates) to join him for a meeting on Thursday morning 7:00 – 8:00 AM. RSVP to **Francis** or **Veronica Domaratius** at (916) 789-0422 or ruaeaneewsletter@surewest.net prior to September 15, 2021.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting will be held on Friday, October 1, 2021 8:30 – 9:30 AM, location to be announced. The state of affairs of RUAEA will be announced by President **Don Burbank**. If there are By-law changes, they will be voted upon by the membership at this time.

BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION

This presentation will be following the Business Meeting 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Presenters from Alliant Credit Union, CVS/Caremark, Aetna, Fidelity, VSP, AON Hewitt, Kaiser and representatives of various departments of United Airlines will be on hand, Breakout sessions will follow.

REGISTRATION

Your meal selections and tours are listed on pages 9 and 10. Tours are subject to cancellation if participation is insufficient. Some tours may have limited capacity. We urge you to register early to be sure space is still available. If your tour is cancelled, you will be notified at the email address or phone number you have provided on the registration form. Reimbursement for canceling tours after the cutoff date will be considered as long as there is no financial loss to the Convention. Don't forget, if you have questions, contact us at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registration fees are non-refundable. For tour and dinner cancellations please contact **Shirley Claggett** by September 15, 2021 at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or write to her at 1007 South 262nd Place Des Moines, WA 98198. Dinners may be canceled up to **September 26, 2021**. After that date, no refunds will be processed until after the Convention. Refunds for tours will be considered after the Convention if there is no cost to the Convention. **Hotel reservations should be cancelled directly with the hotel as they have a 48 hour cancellation policy.** Also, your credit card will be charged for the first night's stay 48 hours prior to arrival.

The Retired United Airlines Employees Association
September 28 ~ October 2, 2021
DANA on Mission Bay
1710 W. Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109 ~ (619) 222-6440



Welcome to the DANA on Mission Bay next to Sea World and a mere 15 minutes from the San Diego Airport. Almost all of the rooms have been renovated in 2019. Most of our rooms will be on the main floor with patios. If a main floor room is required, please request it at time of booking. The property is also adjacent to a marina where water activities are available for rent. The hotel has two pools, and space for patio dining. The rooms have many amenities, see those listed below. The hotel has also offered many perks, such as free parking, no resort fee, and breakfast for two.

Hotel Amenities:

- ⬆ **Parking fee waived (\$25.00 value)**
- ⬆ **Resort fee waived (\$32.00 value)**
- ⬆ **Breakfast included**
- ⬆ **Bayside Pool & Spa Plus Tropical Pool & Spa**
- ⬆ **Guest Rooms include a refrigerator, microwave, flat screen TV, coffee maker with complimentary coffee & tea, iron & ironing board plus a hairdryer. Free WI-FI**
- ⬆ **Reservations can be made by calling 800-345-9995 (toll free) or 619-222-6440. Please mention the Retired United Airlines Employees Association to receive the discounted rate of \$124 + tax which includes breakfast for two. Credit card number is required to guarantee your reservation and is required at check in to cover incidentals. Your card will be charged for the first night stay 48 hours prior to arrival.**
- ⬆ **You can also go to ruaea.org for a link to make an online booking.**
- ⬆ **Very important – RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention so please book through the hotel as described above. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty.**
- ⬆ **Check in is 4:00 PM and Check out is 11:00 AM. There is a 48 hour cancellation policy and also an early departure charge. Please read requirements when making your reservations.**
- ⬆ **Reservations must be made by 8/27/2021 to guarantee the Convention rate.**

These rates will be available three days pre and three days post-Convention based on availability.

Airport Transportation: Best to use Uber or Lyft or Taxi.

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RUAEA CONVENTION 2021

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 28 ~ OCTOBER 2, 2021

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tuesday	September 28	12:00PM – 6:00PM 8:00AM – 9:30AM 10:00AM – 5:00PM 12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration/Tour sales – Marina-Pacific Room Executive Board Meeting – TBA RUAEA Board Meeting - TBA Hospitality Get Together - Marina-Pacific Room
Wednesday	September 29	8:00AM – 6:00PM 8:00AM – 10:00AM 8:00AM – 6:15PM 9:30AM – 3:00PM 10:00AM – 12:00PM 10:00AM – 3:00PM 2:00PM – 5:30PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:15PM –	Registration - Marina-Pacific Room Tour Sales - Marina-Pacific Room 50/50 & Special Raffle Sales - Marina-Pacific Room Tour 1 – Air & Space Museum Tour 2 – Old Town Trolley City Tour Tour 3 – La Jolla & San Diego Beaches Tour Sales – Marina-Pacific Room Hospitality Get Together – Marina-Pacific Room 50/50 Raffle drawing – Marina-Pacific Room
Thursday	September 30	7:00AM – 8:00AM 7:00AM – 8:00AM 8:00AM – 6:00PM 8:00AM – 10:00AM 8:00AM – 6:15PM 9:30AM – 3:00PM 10:15AM – 3:00PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:15PM – 7:00PM – 9:00PM	Correspondents' Meeting Presidents' Meeting Registration Tour Sales 50/50 & Special Raffle Sales Tour 4 – Air & Space Museum Tour 5 – Flagship Luncheon Cruise Hospitality Get Together 50/50 Raffle drawing – Marina-Pacific Room Tour 6 – San Diego City Lights
Friday	October 1	8:00AM – 11:00AM 8:30AM – 9:30AM 10:00AM – 12:00PM 12:30PM – 3:00PM 5:30PM – 8:00PM 6:15PM –	Registration on Request RUAEA Business Meeting Benefits Panel Presentation Benefits Breakout Session Hospitality Party 50/50 and Special Raffle Drawing
Saturday	October 2	9:45AM – 2:30PM 5:30PM – 7:00PM 7:00PM – 10:00PM	Tour 7 – San Diego Seal Tour Cash Bar before Banquet RUAEA Banquet with Entertainment

RUAEA 2021 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

Wednesday, September 29th, 2021

Balboa Park Air & Space Museum – \$68.00 P/P

Tour # 1 operates on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hotel pick-up and off to the Air and Space Museum in Balboa Park, where you will have a 2 hour docent tour filled with information, stories, and time for questions. Then, enjoy a sit-down box lunch in the Pavilion at the center of the museum, with free time to wander the museum, museum store, or take the free Balboa Park Tram for a ride.

Old Town Trolley City Tour – \$34.00 P/P

Tour # 2 operates on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hotel pick-up by Privately Chartered trolley, to take you on a fully narrated two-hour “drive-by” city tour, with history & fascinating stories of the area. You’ll see Old Town, the Embarcadero on Harbor Blvd. next to the USS Midway & Maritime Museum, into Seaport Village, the Marriott/Convention Center, the Gaslamp Quarter, over the Bay Bridge to the island of Coronado, and finally into little Italy and Balboa Park. Back to the Hotel after a lovely morning drive. (not Hop-On/Hop-Off option)

La Jolla & San Diego Beaches ‘Day-Tripper’ Tour – \$34.00 P/P

Tour # 3 operates on Wednesday, September 29th, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hotel pick-up and then you will head for the top of Mt. Soledad & Veteran’s Memorial, where you will have a stunning 360 degree panoramic view of San Diego. Downtown La Jolla for lunch on your own; we’ll give you a list of many restaurants to choose from. After lunch, a lovely ride through La Jolla Cove and along the beaches.

RUAEA 2021 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

Thursday, September 30th, 2021

Balboa Park Air & Space Museum – \$68.00 P/P

Tour # 4 operates on Thursday, September 30th, 2021 – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hotel pick-up and off to the Air and Space Museum in Balboa Park, where you will have a 2 hour docent tour filled with information, stories, and time for questions. Then, enjoy a sit-down box lunch in the Pavilion at the center of the museum, with free time to wander the museum, museum store, or take the free Balboa Park Tram for a ride.

RUAEA 2021 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

Thursday, September 30th, 2021

Flagship Luncheon Cruise on San Diego Bay – \$82.00 P/P

Tour # 5 operates on Thursday, September 30th, 2021 – 10:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Hotel pick-up. This is a two-hour narrated harbor cruise of both north and south bays and includes a 3-course plated lunch, Green Salad, Chicken Piccata or Manicotti Florentine (vegetarian choice), and Chocolate Ganache Cake with complimentary coffee, tea, and sodas (alcoholic beverages available on you). We will lunch in the private Captain's Salon, then you will have time to walk around the "The Spirit of San Diego" and enjoy the views.

San Diego City Lights Trolley Charter – \$28.00 P/P

Tour # 6 operates on Thursday, September 30th, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hotel pick-up for a mellow early evening drive, with music and commentary; 90 minute journey through Balboa Park, Gaslamp Quarter, crossing Coronado Bridge with great view of San Diego City night skyline, then Little Italy, the Embarcadero, Seaport Village with their night lights. Return to hotel for a good night's sleep.

RUAEA 2021 CONVENTION TOUR SUMMARIES

Saturday, October 2nd, 2021

Chartered San Diego Seal Tour – Sea & Land Adventures – \$62.00 P/P

Tour # 7 operates on Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 – 9:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Hotel pick-up for a fun water adventure on a "Boat with Wheels"! Your 90 minute fully narrated Seal Boat Tour will take you into the calm waters of San Diego Bay, where you will learn first-hand of our rich military history and explore the waters that are home to the California Sea Lion. Lunch on your own at Seaport Village with beautiful views; we'll give you a map and list of the restaurants. Then return to our hotel to rest up for our Saturday night banquet.

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Hospitality Party ~ Friday, October 1st, 2021
Social Time
(Subsidized by our Alliant Partners)

BANQUET ~ Saturday, October 2nd, 2021
MENU

Mixed Greens w/ Vinaigrette
Salmon Piccata or Roast Pork Loin
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables
Vegetarian Option
Dessert
Plus Entertainment!

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2021 San Diego Convention Registration Form

Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 27th, 2021

The deadline for Convention Registration is September 15th, 2021

(Please Print Clearly)

Member's File Number		Department Retired From:	
Last Name:	First Name:	Name Tag: (If Different)	
Street Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:
Spouse Last Name:	First Name:	Name Tag: (If Different)	
Guest 1 Last Name:	First Name:	City / State	
Guest 2 Last Name:	First Name:	City / State	
Guest 3 Last Name:	First Name:	City / State	
Guest 4 Last Name:	First Name:	City / State	
Email address (to be used for receiving Convention updates or Tour information changes) Would you like your email address published in the Convention Directory YES ____ NO ____ Enter email address :			

Instructions:

1. Complete both pages of this Convention Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event. Please indicate Guest # on meal and tour choices.
3. Make certain the Member's **file number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the ***non-refundable*** Registration Fee.
4. Seating at all events will be **random**. Each table seats 10 people.
5. **No credit cards** can be accepted for payment of convention events in advance or at the Convention.

Date – 2021		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
Registration Fee – Non Refundable ***Fee Required for each Attendee***					\$15.00	\$
Friday, Oct. 1 st	Hospitality Party				\$20.00	\$
Banquet						
Saturday, Oct. 2 nd	Salmon Piccata				\$50.00	\$
Saturday, Oct. 2 nd	Roast Pork Loin				\$50.00	\$
Saturday, Oct. 2 nd	Vegetarian Option				\$50.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from Page C-10 =						\$
Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check						\$

Make Check Payable to: 2021 RUAEA Convention

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to: **2021 RUAEA Convention,**

c/o Shirley Claggett, 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198

Email – ruaeaconvention@gmail.com

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Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 27th, 2021

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Tour Registration

Date – 2021	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Wed. Sept. 29 th	Balboa Park Air & Space	1	68.00				
Wed. Sept. 29 th	Trolley City Tour	2	34.00				
Wed. Sept. 29 th	La Jolla & San Diego	3	34.00				
Thurs. Sept. 30 th	Balboa Park Air & Space	4	68.00				
Thurs. Sept. 30 th	Luncheon Cruise	5	82.00				
Thurs. Sept. 30 th	San Diego City Lights	6	28.00				
Sat. Oct. 2 nd	San Diego Seal Tour	7	62.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on Page C-9)							
RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION							

**TO BE LISTED IN THE CONVENTION DIRECTORY YOU MUST REGISTER BY
September 15th, 2021**

Please inform us of any special access or accommodations for any tours you are booking.

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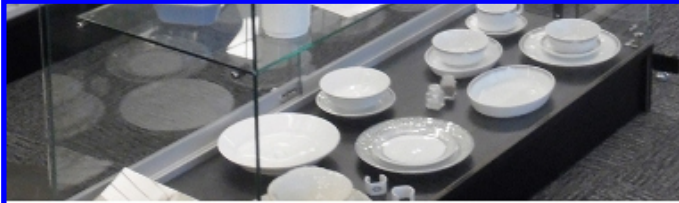
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