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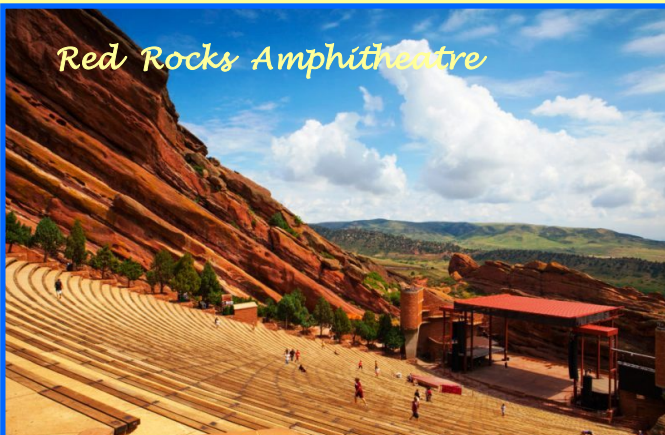
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Due to the technical difficulties with the current email system, the Denver Office email will be changed to ruaeaoffice@gmail.com. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this transition.

Letter From The President



Here we are, almost half-way through the year already. It seems like we were just beginning 2025, but it's as they always say, time flies when you are having fun!

We've been busy finalizing the Jubilee Celebrations, and firming up the structure of our Association, as you will see in a future article by **George Midwin**. The Regional Directors and George have worked hard on developing the new look of the Regional Director role, addressing the growing number of independent members as well as those who are engaged in a local chapters activities; my thanks to the entire team.

Help wanted: With the changing times and methods of communication, we are looking for someone who might be interested in taking on the communication role of using Facebook to reach out to the larger retiree population by posting updates on behalf of RUAEA on the many other Facebook groups. If you are interested, reach out to me directly for more information, RUAEAPresident@gmail.com.

If anyone is interested in running for one of the Board of Director positions, please reach out and we will partner you with the current office holder to come to understand what is involved and to answer questions. We anticipate an election in 2026, if someone comes forward for review for one of the Executive Committee positions. Let us know early on, as it takes time for the review and approval process as well as all elections occur at the business meeting held at each Reunion.

Don't forget to register for the 50th Jubilee celebration in September, this makes you eligible for the contracted room rates. Just a reminder to book your rooms, we only have a certain number of rooms blocked at the current pricing.

Ruth Morabito
RUAEA President

Debt Stress By Malcolm Horn, CFP®



The average American owes \$59,580 in debt. Of that \$59,580, \$41,830 is from mortgage debt, \$5,640 is from student loans, and \$5,470 is from auto loans. Little wonder that money worries can be a major cause of stress.¹

The Link Between Stress and Health ~ Humans have an innate response called "flight or fight." It is nature's way of launching our bodies into action; consider the physical responses we feel during moments of stress—faster heartbeat, accelerated breathing, tightening of muscles, and increase in sweating.

These are response mechanisms that prepared our ancestors to run from, or confront, a danger on the savanna. But they can be less useful in more modern times.

In the short term, stress can manifest itself in physical symptoms, such as headaches, fatigue, difficulty sleeping or concentrating, an upset stomach, and general irritability.

These brief episodes of stress usually do not cause lasting harm to personal health.

However, debt—and the stress it causes—is often a persistent problem. If your stress system stays activated over longer periods of time, it can lead to serious health problems, such as weight gain, fatigue, anxiety, depression, headaches, and sleep problems.²

Managing Stress and Debt ~ If you are experiencing debt-related stress, you should consider attacking the root of the problem. Generally, it takes time to work down debt, but that doesn't mean you can't manage the stress during the interim period.³

Developing a strategy to eliminate your debt is the first step to lowering stress since the sense of control that a strategy gives you might furnish you with hope and optimism.

It's also important that you keep your debt worries in perspective. Remind yourself that debt may not permanently ruin your life. Writing in a journal can be helpful as an outlet for the worried thoughts that can cycle endlessly through your mind. Seek social support—knowing that family and friends are in your corner can be a great source of strength.

Finally, find time for laughter and extending small kindnesses—each unleashes wonderfully positive chemical reactions that are good for the soul and the body.

Need help with getting your debt under control? My team of Financial Consultants and I are available to help anytime: aris.alliantcreditunion.com.

1. BusinessInsider.com, March 23, 2023

2. MayoClinic.org, 2023

3. This is a hypothetical example used for illustrative purposes only. It is not representative of any specific debt-reduction strategy or approach.

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Air to Jet Fuel: United Announces Investment in Power-to-Liquid Fuels Company Twelve

May 6, 2025

United today announced an investment in Twelve, an innovative low carbon fuels company that uses a process similar to photosynthesis to transform CO₂ and water into sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) using renewable energy.

This investment by the United Airlines Ventures Sustainable Flight Fund follows Twelve's \$83 million Series C funding round and project financing for its first SAF production facility, AirPlant™ One, located in Moses Lake, Washington. The facility is expected to begin production this year and plans to produce 50,000 gallons of SAF annually.

Last year, Twelve secured a SAF purchase agreement with a large European-based airline company. Under the 14-year contract, Twelve will supply 260 million gallons of SAF to support its five airlines. This long-term agreement, combined with the development of Twelve's first plant, underscores the demand for the company's innovative technology and SAF.

The SAF Twelve plans to produce once its plant becomes operational, is expected to be a lower-carbon alternative fuel with the potential to reduce lifecycle emissions by up to 90% compared to conventional jet fuel.

“Scaling the SAF industry is the major hurdle air travel needs to clear in order to increase the supply and reduce the price of lower carbon fuels,” said Andrew Chang, head of United Airlines Ventures®. “Twelve has differentiated themselves through the capital they have raised and the SAF contracts they have secured, providing them with the flexibility to commercialize their technology and grow their operations expediently.”

“United’s Sustainable Flight Fund’s investment reinforces our momentum at a pivotal moment as we move from innovation to implementation,” said Nicholas Flanders, co-founder & CEO of Twelve. “With AirPlant One launching imminently and a strong collaboration with United, we’re not just envisioning the decarbonization of air travel—we’re actively building it. Because we have the capability to deliver our E-Jet® sustainable aviation fuel at scale, Twelve is proudly creating a realistic pathway to carbon-neutral aviation that meets both operational demands and climate goals.”

Twelve’s advanced technology uses renewable energy to combine carbon captured from air and hydrogen obtained from water into the basic building blocks that make fuels, plastics and other materials. By using renewable electricity, captured carbon and water, the process reduces the reliance on fossil fuels, lowering lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions, including the emissions associated with production of fuels and in manufacturing.

UAV Sustainable Flight Fund ~ The UAV Sustainable Flight FundSM is a first-of-its-kind investment vehicle designed to leverage support from cross-industry businesses in order to support start-ups focused on decarbonizing air travel. The fund is comprised of more than \$200 million in investment commitments from United and corporate partners including: Air Canada, Air New Zealand, Aircastle (a Marubeni & Mizuho Leasing Company), American Express Global Business Travel, Aviation Capital Group, Boeing, Boston Consulting Group, Embraer, GE Aerospace, Google, Groupe ADP, Hawaiian Airlines, HIS, Honeywell, JetBlue Ventures, Natixis Corporate & Investment Banking, Safran Corporate Ventures, and Technip Energies, among others. For more information about the fund, please visit the United Airlines Ventures website.

About Twelve ~ TwelveTM is the carbon transformation company on a mission to eliminate global emissions and build a net zero future. Carbon transformation harnesses CO₂ and renewable energy to produce hydrocarbons, reducing dependence on fossil resources for valuable chemicals and fuels. By diversifying hydrocarbon production, Twelve’s proprietary OpusTM system strengthens supply chain resilience, while driving next-gen industrial innovation - from e-fuels to everyday household essentials, consumer goods, and more.

A Message from United CEO Scott Kirby to our Customers

May 2, 2025



For many years, United has been very clear and vocal about the need to fix the Air Traffic Control system in EWR. While we enthusiastically support the efforts underway to permanently and structurally fix the FAA, the long-simmering FAA challenges boiled over this week.

In the past few days, on more than one occasion, technology that FAA air traffic controllers rely on to manage the airplanes coming in and out of Newark airport failed - resulting in dozens of diverted flights, hundreds of delayed and canceled flights and worst of all, thousands of customers with disrupted travel plans. Unfortunately, the technology issues were compounded as over 20% of the FAA controllers for EWR walked off the job. Keep in mind, this particular air traffic control facility has been chronically understaffed for years and without these controllers, it’s now clear – and the FAA tells us – that Newark airport cannot handle the number of planes that are scheduled to operate there in the weeks and months ahead.

United is committed to doing absolutely everything in our power to minimize the impact that this will have on customers and so we are unilaterally canceling 35 roundtrip flights per day from our Newark schedule starting this weekend. It’s disappointing to make further cuts to an already reduced schedule at Newark, but since there is no way to resolve the near-term structural FAA staffing issues, we feel like there is no other choice in order to protect our customers.

These challenges are not new to Newark. United has been urging the US government for **years** to use its authority to effectively limit the number of flights to what the airport can realistically handle. Past failure to make those changes had led to the circumstances that United and, most importantly, our customers now face.

I spoke with Sec. Duffy this afternoon and appreciate his immediate response to my call. We’re pleased that the new administration has put together a proposal for a large, systemwide investment in FAA technology, infrastructure and staffing. In the medium to long term, it’s the only way to solve the systemwide problem.

Now, we're encouraging them to apply this decisive leadership to the difficult situation they inherited at Newark, too – by designating it as a slot controlled, Level 3 airport.

Newark is an incredible airport and takes our customers to 76 different US cities and 81 international destinations. I want to thank the dedicated United team that's been working hard – especially over the last few days – to take care of our customers at this difficult time. There are also highly skilled professionals at the FAA, including air traffic controllers, who are persevering through technology and staffing shortfalls to ensure that the tens of thousands of people traveling through Newark every day get to their destinations safely. By using the authority it has, the FAA can help Newark fulfill its incredible potential to be a safe, reliable and efficient gateway to the world for the American traveling public.

Reimagined United Polaris® Lounge Opens in Chicago with 50% More Space and Crate & Barrel Decor **April 29, 2025**



United today opened its newly renovated and expanded United Polaris lounge at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, offering travelers more space, a modern design and elevated amenities. The United Polaris lounge in Chicago is now 50% larger and features nearly 25,000 sq.-ft. of lounge space, including more than 350 seats for travelers, 50 seats across a larger dining space, a second bar, six additional restrooms, private spaces for relaxation or work, and a range of products curated along with Crate & Barrel – the first and only airline collaboration for the whole home retailer.

United was the first U.S. airline to debut a premium lounge exclusively for international business class travelers with the launch of the United Polaris lounge in 2016 and currently has six of them in the U.S. – more than any other U.S. airline.

“Our vast international network is one of United’s unique strengths, and our United Polaris lounges help set the tone for business class travelers before or after their long-haul flights,” said Aaron McMillan, United’s Managing Director of Hospitality Programs. *“Customers are going to love our new Chicago lounge because it gives them more of all of the things they want most—more space, more amenities, and more dining options—and we’ll carry this new elevated design into future lounge openings and renovations across our United Polaris lounge portfolio.”*

The reopening of the United Polaris lounge in Chicago marks the airline’s latest investment in its network of clubs and lounges. Since 2022, United has opened or renovated a total of nine United ClubSM locations across its system, including the recent opening of United Club Fly in Houston. In 2025, the airline will open a new dining room in the United Polaris lounge in Newark and a renovated and expanded United Club in Denver’s B West Terminal, which will complete its plan to redesign every United Club. Internationally, United plans to reopen the United Club in Hong Kong. In 2026, United will open a new United Club in San Francisco and its largest-ever United Club in Houston.

More Dining and Beverage Options ~ With the addition of a second bar in the newly renovated United Polaris lounge, United is the first and only U.S. airline to offer two full-service bars in a business class lounge. There are now more than 25 bar seats with an option to takeaway a drink to another seating area and a menu of top-shelf liquor, premium wines, non-alcoholic beverages and more. The new, second bar is a speakeasy-style space with a selection of premium wine and champagne options, such as Laurent-Perrier La Cuvée Brut, and Chicago-inspired cocktails, including the Second City Sour featuring Rittenhouse Rye, Malort, Lemon, Egg White and Lingua Franca Pinot Noir.

The renovated lounge also features a larger dining area with more than 50 seats – nearly tripling the amount of dining seats – where travelers can order à la carte meals with curated premium food and beverages, including Prosciutto Parmigiano Crostini, Shrimp, Scallop, Spring Vegetable Risotto and Aperol Spritz cake.

In addition to a la carte dining, customers can enjoy a hot buffet with breakfast, lunch and dinner menus, mezze station with lemon honey whipped ricotta, flatbreads and more, and snacks served at both bars like premium nuts, mediterranean olives and a charcuterie board.

Chicago-Inspired Design and Decor from Crate & Barrel ~ Inspired by the local region, the renovated United Polaris lounge reflects the Chicago area by celebrating the city’s architecture and unique geography. United worked with Johalla Projects, an art curatorial collective in Chicago, to showcase artwork from nine Chicago-based artists on a range of pieces, including print photography, paintings, collages and more that highlight the region.

To elevate the lounge experience, dinnerware and decor is provided by Crate & Barrel. Marking Chicago-based Crate & Barrel's first-ever collaboration with an airline, United worked with the retailer's in-house design and business sales teams to curate timeless pieces that elevate the traveler experience. From Crate & Barrel's classic Marin dinnerware and new Tuscan Marble collection, to colors of Le Creuset that are exclusive to the retailer, every detail was chosen to enhance both form and function.

United's Continued Investment in Clubs and Lounges ~ United is the world's largest airline* with the most extensive international network, offering approximately 500 daily flights to and from 150 international destinations for travelers around the world. As part of the airline's commitment to grow its network and bring travelers to new destinations, United is investing in renovating and expanding its portfolio of United Club locations and United Polaris lounges.

United is Chicago's Hometown Airline®, a central hub for nonstop connections across the globe. As demand for international travel continues to grow in Chicago, customers can enjoy the upgraded United Polaris lounge when traveling nonstop to 15 destinations in Europe, as well as nonstop to Asia and South America – continents where United offers the only U.S. carrier service. With the continued interest and future growth of long haul flying, the revamped United Polaris lounge provides a premium experience for travelers to refresh and refuel before or after their flight.

The United Polaris lounge in Chicago is located in Terminal 1 near gate C18, and it's open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. CT daily. International customers traveling in United Polaris and premium Star Alliance cabins can access the United Polaris lounge at locations in Chicago, Houston, Washington D.C., New York/Newark, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

For more information on United Polaris lounge portfolio, visit [united.com](https://www.united.com).

*As measured by available seat miles.

United Invests in Next Generation Blended Wing Aircraft Start-Up JetZero **April 24, 2025**



United today announced an investment in blended wing body (BWB) aircraft start-up JetZero. The company is creating an aircraft design that has the potential to deliver jet fuel efficiency and a greatly enhanced customer experience. The investment includes a path to order up to 100 airplanes and an option for an additional 100. The conditional purchase agreement is based on JetZero achieving development milestones, including flight of a full-scale demonstrator in 2027, among other conditions, including that the aircraft meet

United's safety, business and operating requirements.

JetZero's innovative design reduces drag and produces lift across the entire wingspan, which could lead to as much as 50% reduction in fuel burn per passenger mile compared to a similar sized aircraft. The technology could potentially help United lower its carbon emissions while reducing the cost of operations. In 2023, the U.S. Air Force announced a \$235 million contract to JetZero to fast-track the development of JetZero's full scale demonstrator. The JetZero Z4 airplane is designed to accommodate 250 passengers and fly on conventional jet fuel, with propulsion systems able to utilize sustainable aviation fuel blends.

"If successful, JetZero has the potential to evolve our core mainline business by developing aircraft with a bigger, more comfortable cabin experience for our customers while increasing fuel efficiency across our network," said Andrew Chang, head of United Airlines Ventures (UAV). *"United Airlines Ventures® was created to support our efforts to find innovative companies that can enhance the customer travel experience and help the airline lower its carbon footprint, and we believe JetZero reflects that philosophy."*

"United's investment in our company signals the industry's belief that new, innovative technology is needed in order to achieve the efficiency and cost savings that will be required to meet the continued growth in demand for air travel across the globe," said Tom O'Leary, CEO and co-founder of JetZero. *"JetZero is focused on one key technology – the airframe – that enables us to address all of the barriers to growth. This program is the only one in development today that promises efficiency and an elevated customer experience."*

Both the airplane's shape, and the way JetZero plans to enter the plane into service, address industry pain points. The design contributes to a more efficient operation due to its shape and the higher altitude at which it will fly. For instance, a flight from New York/Newark to Palma de Mallorca, Spain would use up to 45 percent less fuel compared to the twin-aisle aircraft that operate that route today. The airplane also is expected to integrate readily into today's airport infrastructure, requiring no new accommodations for jet bridges, runways or taxiways.

The aircraft design has the potential to also offer improvements to the passenger experience like flexible seating options, larger seats across all classes and dedicated overhead bin space for each seat. Additionally, the design streamlines the boarding process with a main boarding door that is wider than that of a comparably sized aircraft, leading to multiple aisles and passenger cabin bays for more efficient passenger distribution. It may further enhance accessibility by featuring wider aisles and handicap-accessible lavatories, creating a comfortable travel environment for all passengers and in-flight crew.

JetZero's agreement with the Air Force focuses on advancing airframe technology and capabilities, showcasing its potential, and providing the Department of Defense and commercial industry more options to reduce fuel consumption and emissions. Several military aircraft configurations can be made with this design, including air transport and refueling tanker variants, which collectively account for approximately 60% of the Air Force's total annual jet fuel consumption.

United's corporate venture capital fund, United Airlines Ventures, enables the airline to invest in emerging companies that have the potential to influence the future of travel. UAV has made investments in start-ups developing innovative technologies that have the potential to revolutionize aerospace developments, create value for customers and United's operation and complement United's goal of net zero emissions by 2050. UAV has made a number of alternative aircraft investments including:

- ❖ Hybrid-electric
- ❖ Hydrogen-powered
- ❖ Electric Air Taxis (eVTOLs)

About JetZero ~ JetZero will deliver the world's first commercial all-wing design airplane. With up to 50% lower fuel burn compared to existing commercial airliners, JetZero's Z4 offers the aviation industry a clear path to delivering a 250 passenger airplane with 5,000 nautical mile range, using conventional engines while reducing its carbon footprint. Working alongside the US Air Force, NASA, and the FAA, and backed by decades of investment and research into blended-wing technology, JetZero looks to enter commercial service in 2030.

United Airlines Reports Best First-Quarter Financial Performance in Five Years Despite Challenging Macroeconomic Environment **April 15, 2025**



United Airlines (UAL) today reported its best first-quarter financial results in the past five years, despite a challenging macroeconomic environment.

United reported a first-quarter profit, with record revenue of \$13.2 billion, and total revenue per available seat mile (TRASM) growth of 0.5% year-over-year. The company had first quarter pre-tax earnings of \$478 million, with a pre-tax margin of 3.6%; and adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$391 million, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 3.0%. The company also achieved diluted earnings per share of \$1.16 and adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$0.91, within the guidance range provided at the start of the quarter.

United continued to build brand loyalty in the first quarter and saw strong growth across its diversified revenue streams. Premium cabin revenue rose 9.2%, business revenue was up 7.4% and revenue from Basic Economy was up 7.6% year-over-year. International travel remained strong, with Atlantic RASM up 4.7% and Pacific RASM up 8.5% year-over-year. Other revenue streams such as cargo and loyalty remained resilient and were up 9.7% and 9.4% year-over-year, respectively. Forward bookings over the last two weeks have remained stable, with premium cabins up 17% and international up 5% year-over-year.

United believes our proven ability to win brand-loyal customers is a competitive advantage and will make United resilient in any economic environment. In response to the current demand environment, United is removing 4 percentage points of scheduled domestic capacity starting in the third quarter of 2025. United is also continuing to make prudent adjustments to the utilization rate of its fleet, including ongoing reductions in off-peak flying on lower demand days. The airline expects to continue this approach into the fourth quarter of 2025. Additionally, as previously announced, United will retire 21 aircraft earlier than previously planned.

"Our strategy coming out of the COVID pandemic was simple: Build the best airline in the world to attract brand-loyal customers. The people of United Airlines have executed and built that airline," said United CEO Scott Kirby. *"United Next is on track and we will continue to execute our multiyear plan that has allowed United to thrive in any demand environment. It has given us industry-leading margins in the good times and we expect to expand our lead further in challenging economic times. Our ability to win brand-loyal customers and the resiliency of our business is a competitive advantage, and we are accelerating our investments in our*

product, service, technology and experience to further expand that lead.”

Ongoing investments include the six additional gates at Chicago O’Hare expected to be awarded to United this fall based on a preliminary assessment by the Chicago Department of Aviation, due to United’s continued growth and commitment to Chicago and O’Hare. The airline is also expanding at San Francisco and plans to have the fastest WiFi in the sky with Starlink installed on its entire two-cabin United Express fleet by the end of this year. Customers will also continue to benefit from our technology investments such as new, more detailed connection information in the United app to help customers make their connection, and Spanish translations that led to increased digital check-ins for international travel.

United’s operation started 2025 stronger than any previous year since 2021. In the first quarter, the airline flew the largest schedule by available seat miles in its history, carrying a record of over 450,000 customers per day on average. United achieved the best on-time arrival and departure rate for a first quarter since 2021 and cut its seat cancellation rate in half compared to the first quarter of 2024. Running a safe, reliable operation continues to be United’s top priority.

First-Quarter Financial Results:

- Capacity up 4.9% compared to first-quarter 2024.
- Total operating revenue of \$13.2 billion, up 5.4% compared to first-quarter 2024.
- TRASM up 0.5% compared to first-quarter 2024.
- CASM down 3.4%, and CASM-ex up 0.3%, compared to first-quarter 2024.
- Pre-tax earnings of \$0.5 billion, with a pre-tax margin of 3.6%; adjusted pre-tax earnings of \$0.4 billion, with an adjusted pre-tax margin of 3.0%.
- Net income of \$0.4 billion; adjusted net income of \$0.3 billion.
- Diluted earnings per share of \$1.16; adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$0.91.
- Average fuel price per gallon of \$2.53.
- Generated \$3.7 billion of operating cash flow.
- Generated \$2.3 billion of free cash flow.
- Ending available liquidity of \$18.3 billion.
- Total debt, finance lease obligations and other financial liabilities of \$27.7 billion at quarter end.
- Net leverage of 2.0x.
- Year-to-date repurchased approximately \$451 million of shares.

Key Highlights:

- ❖ Announced updates and enhanced benefits to the United Family of Cards from Chase, with \$800 to \$2,000 in total annual value for cardholders, and welcome bonus mile offers for new cardholders.
- ❖ Received FAA certification for Starlink WiFi, with fast, reliable and free WiFi for MileagePlus members expected onboard certain commercial flights as early as May.
- ❖ Achieved our highest customer satisfaction scores for a first quarter, an increase of 10% year over year, recording our highest ever ratings for pilot communication, inflight entertainment and check-in experience based on the Net Promoter Score customer satisfaction scale.
- ❖ United operated its largest first quarter schedule by available seat miles in its history, carrying a record of over 450,000 customers per day on average, including nearly 90,000 on average in United’s industry-leading international network.
- ❖ United Airlines Ventures (UAV), United’s corporate venture capital unit that invests in start-ups developing innovative technologies for scaling sustainable aviation fuel and advancing the aviation industry, announced an investment by the UAV Sustainable Flight Fund in direct carbon capture startup Heirloom.
- ❖ Named to Fortune’s list for Most Admired Companies for the fourth consecutive year.

Customer Experience:

- ⬆ Customers continue to adopt self-service tools for a more seamless travel experience, with digital check-in reaching a record high of 85% in the first quarter and kiosk check-in dropping to a record low rate of 8%.
- ⬆ Saw increased engagement with the United app as 83% of customers used it for day-of travel needs in the first quarter, a 5% increase year-over-year, driven by in-app enhancements like Spanish translation and new, improved connection information in the Travel Mode feature for quick access to key trip details.
- ⬆ Returned guest favorite Daelmans Stroopwafel for domestic snacks for flights over 300 miles, introduced a revamped meal service to long-haul Hawaii flights for all cabins, including themed entrees, and added hot meals for economy guests and sundae carts featuring Tillamook ice cream and other

desserts for first class passengers.

- ▲ Uncorked the exclusive United Polaris® wine collaboration with Laurent-Perrier, becoming the only North American airline to serve Laurent-Perrier's La Cuvée, and introduced three new canned cocktails from Chicago-based Crafthouse Cocktails on domestic flights, in collaboration with James Beard Award-winning mixologist, Charles Joly.
- ▲ Named by USA Today to America's Best Customer Service 2025, and MileagePlus® was named to Newsweek's list of America's Best Loyalty Programs for 2025.
- ▲ Introduced inflight entertainment enhancements such as a Control Tower feature, allowing customers a unique view of an airport's airfield map.

Operations:

- Achieved the Company's best on-time departure and arrival rates for a first quarter since 2021, and ranked first in on-time departures at United's hubs in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Washington D.C. among airlines with comparable operations at those airports.
- Recorded the second lowest seat cancel rate for a first quarter in company history, at half the rate of the year-ago period.
- United Express more than doubled its record of 100% completion days in the first quarter, at 21 days.
- Opened a state-of-the-art Tech Ops Training Facility at the airline's Houston hub and broke ground on a \$315 million Tech Ops complex in Orlando in collaboration with the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority.
- Set company records for on-time performance and completion at line stations with at least 10 flights per day.

Network:

- ★ In the first quarter, United took delivery of its 1,000th mainline jet, enabling continued expansion of its premium offerings with 69,000 average daily premium seats flown across the system in the quarter, an increase of 7% year-over-year.
- ★ Re-started service to Tel Aviv, Israel from New York/Newark, with twice daily service, more service than any other U.S. airline currently provides.
- ★ United expanded its service to warm-weather, customer-favorite destinations, flying its largest ever first-quarter schedules to the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa, additionally operating its largest first-quarter schedule to domestic sun destinations at over 11 million seats.
- ★ Launched its first-ever nonstop flight between New York/Newark and Dominica in February.
- ★ Added or upgauged 210 flights to help customers reach major special events like college and professional football championships and Mardi Gras.

Employees and Communities:

- ❖ More than 850 employees volunteered more than 6,900 hours at non-profit organizations supporting local communities around the world in the first quarter, with United's business resource groups hosting over 30 events in honor of MLK Day of Service and other volunteerism efforts in the quarter.
- ❖ As a partner of Airlink, United transported over 8,000 pounds of cargo to Los Angeles to aid those affected by the fires, additionally donating close to 15 million miles and nearly \$400,000 for disaster relief with the support of United customers.
- ❖ United was recognized as a top employer, being named as one of Forbes' Best Large Employers in 2025 and one of the Best Workplaces for Black Americans and Women by Newsweek.
- ❖ Chief Operations Officer Toby Enqvist was elected to the Special Olympics International Board of Directors in April. He will build on the partnership United launched in 2017 that created the industry-leading Special Olympics Service Ambassador program, enabling Special Olympics Athlete Leaders to use their talents and develop their skills by helping United customers in airports.
- ❖ Hosted career day events for high schoolers at Houston and Newark hubs in collaboration with the Houston Texans and New York Giants to educate students on future careers in aviation.

**United Becomes Official Airline Partner of the Golden State Valkyries,
the WNBA's Newest Expansion Team
April 11, 2025**



United Airlines and the Golden State Valkyries today announced a multi-year sponsorship with United as founding partner and the organization's official airline ahead of the Valkyries' inaugural season at the Chase Center.

In addition to digital signage inside and outside of Chase Center, a social content series, and an in-market promotion,

United will partner with the team on initiatives like "Connecting Communities", which will give local youth basketball teams the chance to attend a Valkyries game, participate in a player meet-and-greet, and attend a skills clinic. United and the Valkyries will also drive the season-long initiative "Soar with Her", a mentorship program that pairs young girls with players, coaches, and leaders from the Valkyries to foster personal growth, leadership skills, and confidence.

"We're proud to have this unique opportunity to support the growth of women's sports and make a lasting impact on youth sports programs in the San Francisco Bay Area," said United's Managing Director of Global Sponsorships Jennifer Entenman. "The Golden State Valkyries have demonstrated themselves to be committed to innovation and impact, and we're honored to become a founding partner of an organization that's generating so much excitement in the Bay Area."

MileagePlus Exclusives is offering MileagePlus® members exclusive access to unique experiences with the Golden State Valkyries, including tickets in the United Club, suite opportunities, behind-the-scenes access, and a "Valkyrie For a Day" experience. Members have the opportunity to obtain tickets to the Valkyries' first game on May 16th.

"United Airlines is committed to showing up by our side as we build the Valkyries both on and off the court," said Golden State Valkyries President Jess Smith. "Our shared commitment to building a better tomorrow with a focus on inclusion through education will allow us to create pathways for youth all while we enhance the fan experience."

Some notable players on the Golden State Valkyries team include:

- ★ Kate Martin, a former Las Vegas Aces player and former Iowa teammate of 2024 WNBA Rookie of the Year Caitlin Clark
- ★ Kayla Thornton, a 10-year veteran and recent title-winner with the New York Liberty
- ★ Tiffany Hayes, a 12-year veteran and All-WNBA selection in 2018

This is United's third sponsorship in San Francisco with a major professional sports franchise. United has partnered with the Golden State Warriors since 2016, working together with the team through the Franchise Fund program to support local businesses. The company has also partnered with the San Francisco 49ers since 2014.

United is the world's largest airline¹ as well as the leading carrier out of San Francisco International Airport (SFO), a domestic and global gateway. This summer, United will offer nearly 300 flights per day to 100 different destinations - the most since 2019 and more than any other airline in the Bay Area. As one of the Bay Area's largest employers, United hired more than 1,600 new team members in 2024 alone, including flight attendants, pilots, customer service representatives, baggage handlers and maintenance technicians to support the airline's growing operations at SFO, and expects to hire 1,200 more in 2025.

¹ As measured by available seat miles and fleet

About the Golden State Valkyries ~ The Golden State Valkyries, the WNBA affiliate of the seven-time NBA Champion Golden State Warriors, were announced as the 13th WNBA franchise on October 5, 2023. Originating from Norse mythology, Valkyries are a host of warrior women who are fearless and unwavering – flying through air and sea alike. This brand is Golden State's modern interpretation of Valkyries: strong, bold, and fierce. Tipping off during the 2025 WNBA season, the team is headquartered in Oakland and will play home games at Chase Center in San Francisco. For Golden State Valkyries' assets, including team logos. For more information, please visit valkyries.com.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7th of each month**. This includes chapter reports, letters for the "Letters" Column, obituary listings (**Note:** Rules for

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

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

Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in the Newsletter.

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LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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

ARIZONA

PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S

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Submitted by Dakota Morris-Terry

First, let me say thank you to all who were able to attend our breakfast as we had a good turnout. We owe this one to Mitch, he showed me not all First Watch restaurants are the same. For those of you who could not attend, we missed you and hope to see you next month.

Mitch and I appreciate you each doing the critiques which gives us your opinion of that restaurant. Thus far, all of the restaurants have gotten high marks and the members' desire to return there. This is important to know; needless to say, every category is not 100% but the average is high. I think a sign of a good eatery is the full parking lot and a line to enter. Which is what the proprietor wants, people anxious to get in. What you get with that combination is a noisy place.

Keep in mind that I depend on your recommendations. I've had a few of you talk to me at a restaurant about a future eatery but for the life of me I can't remember the place, just that we had a conversation about it. Please contact me to refresh my memory.

Here is the information on our next luncheon, held at the Golden Corral Buffet & Grill located at 1318 N. Cooper Rd, Gilbert 85233, Friday, May 9th, 11a.m. Of course, I hope to see you all there.

Please contact me using this email address as a new email or via text (602) 920-7785. Should I not answer, just leave me a message. This is as brief as I can be. With this brevity I know I've forgotten something. I'm sure to hear from you then.

TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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Because of the Memorial weekend, it was decided to move the luncheon a week ahead. It will now be held on May 21 at 11:30 AM at El Guayacan Restaurant in Chico. **Merritt & Klaren Odor** volunteered to be in charge to set up the reservations.

Calendar:

May 21 - Wednesday, 11:30 AM at El Guayacan Mexican Restaurant, 2201 Pillsbury Rd., Chico, CA. Come join us if you are in the area.

CENTRAL COASTERS

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

DESERT SUNBIRDS

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

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



EAST BAY DIABLOS

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Happy Summer to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this on May 7, it's another beautiful spring day.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord. We like the Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We went to the Lazy Dog for the first time last September. Everyone enjoyed it so that is now our other "go to" restaurant. We average about 14 people at our meetings throughout the year, but more members come to our summer picnic meeting which is at a member's home. Social hour starts at 11:30 and our meal is typically served around 12:15.

Our May meeting was held on May 5 at the Lazy Dog Restaurant in Concord with 9 members and guests in attendance: **Rich & Georgia Bouska** and guest **Carla, Nancy Boyle, Joe & Wilma Leather, Dee Moreci, Jan Soderstrom** and **Susan von Emster**. At every meeting, we have a raffle for money and door prizes. We pay two dollars for three tickets. The door prizes are whatever people are inspired to bring. **Dee Moreci** won the money, **Jan Soderstrom** won a bottle of wine, and **Carla** won a small stuffed animal. Next month, we will have to make up for the paucity of door prizes and remind everyone to bring something!

We tried something new at our meeting and I think it was a great success. Instead of sitting at one long table, we broke up into a table of four and another table of five. My best friend is a retired audiologist from the VA and together we devised this plan. Most of us have hearing issues of some kind. I am totally deaf in the left ear. I tell the person on my left to tap my arm when they say something to me, and then I turn sideways in my chair to hear them. When you sit at a long table, the only people you are facing are the one to three directly across from you. However, when sitting at a table for four, or five, everyone is facing each other and you can not only hear but lip read, which we all probably do whether we realize it or not. The conversation flowed freely and in terms of hearing things, I think it was our best meeting yet. I'd love to see other RUAEA chapters try this at their meetings. Another advantage of multiple tables vs. one long table is that people can move about freely from one table to another to socialize. Once you are seated in the middle of a long table you are stuck there until the meal is over!

If you have not read my article in the May 2025 RUAEA newsletter, please do so. I wrote a PSA blurb about things we seniors can do to protect ourselves, especially those of us who live alone or live with a disabled person. This blurb was triggered by one of our members, **Tom Johnson**, falling in January and lying in his house for 2-3 days until a friend came to check on him. I listed actions we can take to ensure that we get help when we fall or are otherwise incapacitated. After our meal, **Rich Bouska** told us what he has done to ensure he gets help if he is incapacitated (his wife **Georgia** is disabled and could not call 911). He has given house keys to a neighbor and his two children. He is supposed to text his neighbor morning and evening at specific times, with just an OK message. The neighbor then texts back OK so Rich knows the neighbor has seen his message. One day Rich got busy doing something and forgot to text at the required time. A few minutes later, there was a knock on the door. It was the neighbor, with key in hand, ready to come in and check on them. What a good plan and what a great neighbor!

I followed **Russ Kennedy's** advice and bought a cell phone holder which I can put around my neck or wear as a cross body holder. I got it on the Wal-Mart website for \$8.99. It has one section for the phone and another section for a few other things like driver's license or credit cards. One side is clear plastic so you can use the phone without taking it out of the holder. Be sure to measure your phone and check the specifications to make sure it will fit in the holder. This one fits my iPhone 14 Pro perfectly. I got pink but it also comes in black and grey. <https://www.walmart.com/ip/Spencer-Women-Cell-Phone-Purse-Bag-Mini-Crossbody-Bag-Shoulder-Strap-Touch-Screen-Smartphone-Pouch-Wallet-Pink/978900260>

I would appreciate feedback on the suggestions for seating at RUAEA meetings and measures we need to take to protect ourselves. If your chapter tries sitting at smaller tables, please email me and let me know how it

went. Also, I would love to hear from any of you with more ideas on how to get help during a fall or medical emergency. I will put them in my newsletter articles and my group will discuss them at our meetings.

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She donates them to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use “all the cards he can get.” The students make gift cards, which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you’d like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com for more information, or mail them to her directly at 1782 Calle Del Rey, Livermore, CA 94551-3985. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students. Barb told me that she just delivered a trunk full of cards to the school. She met the lady who helps cut up the cards for the students to use, as they are not allowed to have scissors for safety reasons. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, Barb has seen some of the gift cards and they really are pretty

Jan Soderstrom is collecting coupons for the charity Support our Troops. This is a service project of her Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter. I would like to renew my request to have you cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. One thing we can all agree on is that the cost of groceries has skyrocketed in the last year or so. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated—food, nonfood, baby and pet; and both current and expired. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say Manufacturer’s Coupon. If they come in a strip, please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. However, please send me coupons at least every other month so the troops have a longer time to use them. Please help me spread the word about this worthwhile project. The number of coupons in the newspapers has dropped dramatically so the only way we can maintain our level of support is if more people send me coupons. Ask your friends and neighbors, and the people at your RUAEA meetings, to send me coupons as well.

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. I have been turning in coupons every month since May 2022. On May 3, I turned in 941 coupons! Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. If it were not for the RUAEA folks sending me coupons, my chapter would have very few coupons. This month I received coupons from **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Barrie Hooley** in FL, **Margie Klaus** in NV, **Carol Koslosky** in NY, **Samantha Koslosky** in MD, **Beverly McAllister** in CA, **Betty Ogburn** in NJ, and **Jim Taylor** in FL.

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

- ▲ Monday, June 2 at 11:30. The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mount Diablo Street, Concord. Social hour starts at 11:30 and we eat around 12:15. Separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, May 29.
- ▲ Monday, July 14 at 11:30 (date change). Plans for this meeting are in the works. In place of our annual catered BBQ luncheon normally held in June, we will be having a salad and sandwich potluck at a member’s home. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, July 10.

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

GOLDEN GATERS

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Here we are ... April is behind us, the Easter Bunny has gone into hiding, April showers did bring lots of greenery and we were able to dance around the May Pole (surely you did that in your youth!) Cinco de Mayo and some good eats at our favorite Mexican restaurant, a Conclave about to get under way (history in the making,) and an elevator that is still not fixed.

Our May 19th (note the date change) meeting will be held at The Vibe. This facility is located beyond the construction area where the new Rec Center is being built. The Vibe, 670 Shell Blvd., Foster City has available parking and is located behind the tennis courts (now used by the avid Pickle Ball players.) So come see us! August through March of 2026 will have us meeting at The Vibe - June and July of 2025 are still up in the air and we hope to hear before our May meeting where we will meet. December 8th is set for us at Bellinis' Italian Restaurant in Foster City so mark your calendars.

Our April meeting was somewhat dis-jointed as we were "breaking in" a new location but we did have a nice turnout – about 19 members found the place, enjoyed some camaraderie and saw **Ben Ramos** and **Bill Heinrich** winning our raffle jackpot. Special thanks to **Ben Ramos** for being our parking valet for our Chuan Chim Thai Restaurant. 19 members found their way over to the restaurant and enjoyed some new flavors. Great curry dishes, some spicy, some mild and an extensive menu to whet your appetite. Try it out as it is a very popular place, great staff and plenty of smiles. We are lucky to have so many varieties of places from which to choose – do you have a favorite you'd like to share? Let us know and we will go try them out. Meanwhile, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Lydia Rolfe** enjoyed the chicken dish (big take-out bags were used,) **Gary & Ellen Chong** saw Ellen tasting Gary's dish ("just one bite" she kept saying,) **Vera Kina** had the appetizer sampler (a great choice, she had a doggy bag to go also!) **Bill & Diane Heinrich** enjoyed a green curry dish, **Andy King**, **Bert Neidermaier** and **John Garis** had the spare ribs while **Ben Ramos** had a huge bowl of veggies and meat. **Pat Ortega** and **Judy Tonda** chit-chatted with **Colleen Wood** and her care-giver, Debbie. **Eliza Vargas** and **Jerry Marsala** both enjoyed new tasting. **Berta Vecchiola**, Bert's guest, said she'd be back. People were lined up out past the patio, so the word has gotten out that this is a "winner!" Check it out!

- ★ June 23 – meeting place to be announced, we will go the Lazy Dog Restaurant in the Bridgepoint Center
- ★ July 28 – To be announced.

A friendly reminder, if you have not paid your dues, please do so. \$15 per person is a bargain! See **John Garis**, our treasurer or mail it in. Thanks to those of you who bring in articles to raffle off – a large variety of "treasures" you just have to have! Any members need some TLC? Let **Ginger Dahlberg** know and a card will be sent out.

Stay well and get those vaccine shots and get out there was get some exercise – Dr.'s orders!

Conundrum of the Day: *Did you hear about the two Eskimos sitting in a kayak and were chilly? They decided to light a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank ... proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too!*

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 10:00am at The Vibe, Teen Center, 670 Shell Blvd., in Foster City, behind the Tennis Courts. Note: Our mailing address is UAL-SFO Bay Area Retirees, c/o **Ginger Dahlberg**, 821 Magellan Lane, Foster City, CA 94404.



HANGTOWN MINERS

Jane Gibson
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Secretary

Well, here we are! Marching right thru April with all the confidence of the awesome retirees we are!

Yesterday was Easter; a Spring day that has many meanings and can involve several different activities. Bill & I were blessed to have the day special for two reasons – not only was it Easter, it was also our 57th anniversary! And along with that we were able to enjoy our daughters and their families here at our house. Of course, for me, this is like a second Christmas! As usual, I went overboard! Keep in mind that our children are in their 50's and our grandsons are 20, 19, 18, 15, 11, 12 – that said, we had an egg hunt. Yes, every one of them participated – you know, it doesn't matter your age – fun is fun!

I hope all of you had a wonderful day as well. Actually, I always hope that all of your days are great.

Our April luncheon/meeting was at Steve's Pizza in El Dorado Hills. **Roy & Dawn Martin** picked a good one for us! You could order a pizza of your own but they had other items to enjoy too. One of their luncheon specials is an "all you can eat" from the salad bar and their "pizza bar". I was told they make delicious pizza and it proved to be true. If you're in the area, give it a try.

Rudy Blazius extended a big "Thank You" to the Martins for all of us. We didn't have any guests this month so Rudy moved on to birthdays; turns out **Roy Martin** and yours truly, **Jane Gibson** get to take on their special day in April. Happy Birthday to both. Anniversaries? Three couples present celebrate this month –

Roy & Dawn Martin, Bill & Jane Gibson and Chuck & Peggy Trebnik as well as **Larry & Re Papke** who weren't with us today. Happy Anniversary to all of you. On to officers' reports.

President ~ Rudy shared a note that had been forwarded to him. Seems the Fremont Campus of the Aviation Institute of Maintenance are looking to expand their team with experienced Aircraft Mechanics who hold a valid FAA A&P certificate and are interested in transitioning into an instructional role. If you're interested in such a position, you can contact Carolyn Jarvi at cjarvi@aviation.edu.

And then he had another position flier for Helicopter Mechanics for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this type of work, you can contact them at lasd.org/careers/jobs. I realize that it is doubtful that any of our members want to return to working on aircraft, but, maybe you know someone who would like such a position.

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** wanted to let all of us know that he has heard from another UAL retiree who many of you might remember, **Kari Kashimoto**. Kari was quite the employee. However, she had to have surgery on a finger, a screw came loose and an (awful) infection set in! At that time, they had "installed" a pick line and were going to let her go home. **Bill Gibson** has also called her to check up on her progress. Keep on healing, Kari.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have a report this month. Since she is one of the people organizing the UAL Retired Mechanics Reunion that will be in Minden NV in September, Rudy shared that he and Cindy will be going there soon and would check up on how things are going at the Carson Valley Inn. There is some construction planned near the area where we convene for our barbecue and Rudy will, hopefully, be able to reassure us that it won't interfere with our festivities.

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** is always prepared to keep our finances in order and to let us know their status. It's great that our roster had only one member who had not sent in their annual dues yet. I'm happy to let you know that we have a full roster that is current with their dues at this time. Thank you all for getting your dues sent in a timely fashion.

Tom reported that he has filed our tax forms with the IRS. We are officially a non-profit organization (501-c3) but you still have to file the tax returns!

Also, not too much going on with the tool collection program at the moment. He is expecting some tools and tool boxes to be coming in for the students. This is a very good project Tom began and has stuck with it – this is our 5th year!

Sunshine ~ **Suzanne Kenny** has been busy with sending out cards and/or calling to check in on our members. We are happy to have **Linda Dinette** and **Chuck Trebnik** both at this luncheon as each is recovering from recent procedures. She reported that **Sherrie Wolfram** is home from rehab. Sherrie fell and broke her hip last month! **June McClain** (who is living in Oregon now) had a hip replacement and is doing well. So, she was having trouble with her knees and since the hip surgery, her knees have not hurt! We wish all who are having health problems of any sort the very best thoughts, prayers and support we can.

New Business ~ **John Muir** brought a flier to pass around from **Ann Marie Sutherland**. Ann Marie is president of the American Legion Auxiliary in Placerville. Their group is hosting a fundraiser on May 3rd from 10 – 4. I sent a copy of the flier earlier but will include it as an attachment with the minutes. If you are interested in being a vendor – or know someone who would like to be – contact Ann Marie at annmarie.ala119@gmail.com, (530) 350-1335. Supporting our veterans is important so, please, if you can, go check out this Mother's Day Marketplace event.

Old Business ~ We didn't have anything to cover in this section.

Rudy brought our meeting to a close and shared these chuckles with us:

- ☺ Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement ~ Mark Twain
- ☺ The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible ~ George Burns
- ☺ Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year ~ Victor Borge

JR took over the "mic" and we were off and running with our raffle. A huge "Thank You to all for bringing the prizes: **Kenney** - Mr. Sniffles Egg Separator (this was grossly cute); **Trebnik** - Easter cheese board; **Blazius** - wine; **Gibson** - mushroom chime; **Kenny** - silver picture frame; **Bell** - ice cube balls; **Barton/Kozelka** - red wine; **Heier** - wine.

Our luncheon in May will be hosted by **Diana Bell** and **Duncan Nielsen** at Casa Los Abuelos.

I hope all of you spend some time just relaxing – this business of being retired isn't for the faint of heart! Take time to sit in the sunshine, enjoy a casual walk in the evening, read a good book, call someone you have been thinking about – they will love to hear from you. We tend to take our time for granted but even tho we

don't have to get up early and go punch a time clock (do they do that anymore?) we don't want to waste time either – we just don't have to rush now.



RESANS

San Diego, CA

Barbara Drews

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Our May Breakfast almost didn't happen and then it turned out to be one of the best ever! I send out a notice a week before to remind everyone of the upcoming breakfast. The next day, I received a call from the Café Manager that on Thursday, our room was not going to be available due to remodeling and other tasks that were going to be done.

After a couple of phone conversations, we decided to meet on Tuesday, April 29th. It was very short notice but we have ten attendees and it was special. The tables were arranged so that we were seated close and able to talk to everyone in attendance. We had some good conversations and laughs and we really felt a strong bond established among us.

Our June breakfast is pending due to the construction; I will keep everyone posted as to where, when and also if we are able to have a June Breakfast.

The one and only birthday is **Peter Wronetzki** who will be celebrating his special day on June 29th.

Turn boredom into creativity ~ Many of us begin working on a project nonstop and struggle to work on a single task for long periods of time. You need to break up your day and your thoughts by an activity that is not intellectually tiring and taxing your brain. Try mowing the lawn, gardening, vacuuming. Just a simple task can relax your mind, even wander a bit and quite possibly create new ideas. When you return to your project, you may find that your ideas may flow, you are motivated and you may find you are getting more done.

Calendar:

June – Pending Breakfast, Date and location are TBD, we will update as information is available. You are welcome to join us but we do need an RSVP. Just send me a note and I will add you to the list.

SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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SACRAMENTO



The Gold Diggers met the last day of April at Bennett's Westside Grill. It was a beautiful sunny day with temps heading to the low 80's. There were 23 in attendance with 22 members and **Dona Shaw**, a friend of **Sidnee McKinney**. Our server Tammy did an outstanding job. After everyone had enjoyed their lunch, President **Francis Domaratius** began our meeting. Francis thanked all for attending and a big thank to all the nice items for the monthly raffle. He also thanked **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** for making the arrangements with the restaurant.

VP **Barbara Bertacini** announced that we are set for the rest of the year with reservations for various restaurants with next month, May 28th at Café del Lago in Granite Bay. Our annual Holiday lunch/meeting will also be at Café del Lago on Wednesday, December 10th. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that his records showed that there were no anniversaries for the month of April. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** reported that she had talked with **Irv Wolfram** and that **Sherrie** is now home and continuing to recover from her fall. Angie also spoke with **Vicki Enriquez** about husband **George** and that he is dealing with cancer treatment. She asked for prayers from all for our Gold Digger family members. Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that the chapter is solvent and that we currently have 35 paid members. Robin will be working on an update to our roster. Regional Director **Dave Garland** had nothing to report.

Angie Dellinger brought up some problems with Kaiser as they were charged \$20.00 for a phone consultation which was supposed to be covered by the insurance. They called to find out why this was happening and the person said it was a mistake and they did not have to pay. The next month, they got another

bill for the \$20.00, on that phone call they were told it was to pay for the doctor's time. On a follow-up call, the situation was finally resolved that the service was indeed covered and they did not have to pay. This is a lesson for all of us to carefully check all the billing we get and to challenge anything that doesn't look right. The constant scams are bad enough but now we have to be diligent with businesses that their billing departments send out.

Francis reported some events for April 29th. In 1988, the Boeing B747-400 made its first flight. On the same date in 1917 the Aero Products Company became the Boeing Airplane Company. Also United Airlines was the first airline to put a B737-200 into service on this date.

There were two birthdays in April, **Pat Guinn** and **Frank Dellinger**; Pat won the roll off and collected a few extra dollars. We ended the meeting with our 50/50 drawing won by **Francis Domaratus** and our raffle of donated items.



Being a history buff I would like to add some aviation events for April 30: 1969 in Norway, the first woman airline pilot in the West, Turi Wederoe makes her first scheduled flight as a first officer for SAS. She was certified as co-pilot on the Convair 440 and became the first female pilot in a large airline in the Western World. She also flew SAS first jet aircraft the Caravelle and the DC9 before she ended her flying career.

1962 Joseph Walker, NASA Chief Research Test Pilot flew the X-15

rocket plane. The X-15 was dropped from a modified B29 at 45,000 feet. The rocket burn time was 81.6 seconds. The plane achieved a speed of Mach 4.94 (almost 5 times the speed of sound) and an altitude of 246,700 feet.



Also in 1962 the first flight of the Lockheed A-12, the predecessor of the SR-71. This plane achieved a speed of Mach 3.02 at 75,000 feet. The plane would be used for reconnaissance with a service ceiling of between 84,500 and 97,700 feet. Finally, on this date in 1962 the last flight of a B36 took place. One of the last of the B36's is on display at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. There is an A-12 on display at the

San Diego Air Museum in Balboa Park.



Finally there were some special events on April 30th for our Nation's History. 1775 the battle of Lexington and Concord that sparked the American Revolution; 1789 George Washington is sworn in as President of the United States at Federal Hall NYC; 1798 The United States Department of the Navy is formed; 1803 Robert Livingston and James Monroe sign the Louisiana Purchase Treaty in Paris for 15 million dollars and this doubles the size of the USA; 1975 Saigon falls ending the Vietnam War. One other event in April ... on the 14th, President Abraham Lincoln is shot at Ford's

Theater in Washington DC and died early the next day.



SAN JOAQUINERS

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Submitted by Bob Scoble



Steve opened the meeting and updated everyone regarding plans for the 50-year anniversary of RUAEA. **Bob Scoble** arrived shortly thereafter, and we began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The April meeting/luncheon was hosted by **Bob & Sandy Brooks** in Valley Springs. We had a great lunch as always at the Good Friends Chinese Buffet; everyone seems to consistently like the food and the service. We

also had one of the largest monthly meetings in a long time. A total of 24 joined us including four guests.

There were no Birthdays or Anniversaries this month to celebrate. So, we had more time at the buffet and to chat.

Bob Scoble reported out to the group the Treasurers Report. Most notably was the change made this year to our year end donation. In years past, the San Joaquiners donated money to several local area food banks. This year, the group chose to donate to a support group that could get some money to UA employees impacted by the Los Angeles fires. After doing some research, it was decided that the United Airline's Employees Welfare program was the best choice. The San Joaquiners made their yearend donation to them. We hope in some small way it offers some help.

Our next meeting will be on May 8th at Huckleberry's Restaurant in Oakdale 1241 W F St. **Bob & Mary Brown** will be our hosts. Please email or call them of your plans to attend. This always helps the restaurant set up in advance of our arrival.

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There is no report this month from the SFO/SJC Southbay chapter of RUAEA.

SOLANO FLYERS

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We met at Azteca Cafe in Vacaville on April 15th with the following in attendance: **Joanne & Billy Blizzard, Larry Jackson, Frank Uhl and Rudy Arsaga**. We also welcomed the following first time guests: **Bob & Michiko Allen, Barbara Mitchell and Nelson McKinley**.

The 50/50 winner was **Nelson McKinley**.

Birthday celebrants were **Rudy Arsaga and Rich Cox**.

Our next meeting will be on May 20th at Denny's in Cordelia.

We received sad news that **Al Pochop's** wife passed away, her Memorial service was on Wednesday, May 7th.

COLORADO

DENVER

MILE HIGHERS

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Chapter President **Paul Goodyear** started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. 20 members were in attendance, joined by two guests – **Jim Stellini**, Pilot Ground School Instructor (former mechanic) and **Susan Osthoff**, Denver Chapter of Clipped Wings.

Those in attendance were reminded that we will be called upon to serve as volunteers at the RUAEA Reunion in September – more information in the upcoming months.

Paul shared that today was the first non-stop, seasonal, daily flight from Denver to Rome on a 787-9 along with other United updates.



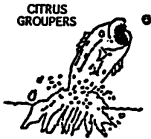
A big "Thank You" to **Karen (Sharkey) Rewolinski** for putting together the Glowing Wild event at the Denver Zoo on Sunday, April 27th.

May Anniversaries and Birthdays – **Michael Malesardi** and wife are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary! **Rich & Cleora Conner** are celebrating their 26th wedding anniversary! **Ray Shoults** is 90 years young!

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 5th, 11:00 am, Tedz Place, (303) 287-7544. We hope to see you there – bring a friend! Address: 5271 E. 52nd

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FLORIDA



THE CITRUS GROUPERS

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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.



THE ORLANDO

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15 members and 3 guests attended a rather noisy May meeting! The members included **Al & Joanne Mollet** (their first lunch of the new year); **Angel & Julia Montalvo** (Julia's been doctoring also and we had not seen her); the ladies ... **Linda Agnello**, **Patti Clark**, **Retta Finn**, **Elaine Tillman-Mannella**, **Connie Lenard** and **Corky Peterson**. The guys ... **Al Fields**, **Ted LeGrand III**, **Tom Cannata** and **Ed DiCicio** and the family of **Ted & Charlotte LeGrand** with guests, **Ralph & Peggy LeGrand**.

President **Al Fields** shared that **Diane Lewis'** Celebration was well attended by the Real McCoys and Treasurer **Linda Agnello** reported that we sent a donation to Harbor House in Diane's name.

Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** updated us on **Ernie Vosges**, who is still in the Care Center and we get reports from wife **Cheryl** every few days. Cheery greeting still very welcome/emails too at: 2904 Birmingham Blvd., Orlando, FL 32829 or ocean2900@att.net, prayers too!

Mack Chandler is currently at Conway Lakes Health & Rehab, 5201 CurryFord Road, Orlando, FL 32812, (407) 384-8838; he is not sure when he will be released to go home. Mack could certainly use prayers and "feel better" cards also.

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We are taking the summer off; we will reconvene in October for our next meeting. Have a great summer!



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We had 6 members at our May meeting. We talked about UAL and Social stuff. We had breakfast. It was a short meeting.

Wished All the Ladies A Very Happy Mothe's Day!

Calendar:

June 2 - IHOP, 10:30

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Diane Liebisch was able to gather 14 members and guests in April for our quarterly meeting. We met at The Waterway Café in Palm Beach Gardens where we had a lovely lunch and interesting conversation. Her husband, **Paul**, is recovering well from surgery a few months back; he is looking spry as usual. Diane has, although reluctantly, taken on the position of acting President, for the time being. We have been floundering since losing our President, **Al Popek**, in January. If anyone is eager to fill the position, please let her know. We also are without a Vice-President, having also lost **Bob Langevin**. We all have fond memories of both of them.

Our Treasurer, **Carolyn Lindgren**, and husband, **Dave**, were also in attendance, and shared some wonderful stories and facts about their recent river cruise in Europe. She gave me a list of members she felt were still interested in getting together. I emailed them to get a confirmation response. So far, I have confirmed 18 and hope to hear from more.

Member **Barbara Dodenhoff** was able to attend; she is recovering nicely from her back issues.

Dave & Barbara Damon once again made the long drive to join us; it was wonderful seeing them.

Diane & Ron Brodis were with us. Diane's input regarding future meetings was extremely helpful.

We plan to continue meeting quarterly. **Diane Liebisch** will pick appropriate locations for our July meeting and December holiday get-together.

I proudly shared with the group that my grandson has become a commercial airplane pilot, having received his aeronautical degree from Embry Riddle and passing all the pre-requisites necessary to achieve it. His grandfather, my husband **Merrill**, interestingly flew for Riddle Airlines before his employment at United.

Get well from all of us to our members recovering from surgeries and illnesses. Please stay in touch. We would love to hear from you.

HAWAII

HONOLULU MENEHUNES

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Aloha from Oahu! The RUAEA Chapter Honolulu Menehunes are finally back. We have luncheons 3 times a year on the 3rd Thursday in February, June, and September. This year in June, we are in the process of setting up the venue, it will be held on June 19.

Since this is the first luncheon since February 2020, we will only have our local retiree members in attendance but going forward, we would love to have other visitors attend also. We will publish the other luncheons as soon as they are all set up—usually about 4-6 weeks before each one.

Since we need to have a head count for each luncheon; if you are visiting and would like to be a part of our get-togethers, please send a note to hnlrua@gmail.com a few weeks in advance and we can send you the info.

We also have new chapter officers. As co-chairpersons, we have **Linda Sayegusa** and **Rocki Ro Ane** and as treasurer, we have **Gloria Hsu**. To contact them, please use the email address hnlrua@gmail.com.

IDAHO



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

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June—The real start of summer, filled with weddings, showers, babies, graduations and other lovely things that happen in sunny June. There's Father's Day on June 15th, can't forget good old dad. Funny, as kids, we may have thought he had old ideas, didn't know what was 'hip'. Ha, was I wrong, smartest man on the planet. Wish mine didn't die at 67; I could really use his expertise and advice, even his admonishment now. I'll tell him next time I see him, you too? Then we have Flag Day on the 14th, keep our beautiful red, white and blue flying. June is also Cucumber, Adopt a cat, Candy, Rose and Alzheimer's awareness month. I'll celebrate all of them, but hope I don't have to worry about that last one for many more years. You, too! Think young thoughts, keep active.

Our sky events include the full moon, June 10 and 11, it's called the strawberry moon, to denote the harvesting season for Native American tribes. The summer solstice is June 21, the longest day of the year, then we start losing the sun a minute or so a day. Doesn't seem fair, does it? We look forward to summer and long sunny days, and along comes June 21, first day of summer, and the days get shorter, and it starts getting dark again. Who figured that out? Sun God, or Man in the Moon?

The Northside Breakfast met at Roses' Restaurant in April. Attendees were **Margaret Longo, Paul & Marsha Sealock-Weber, Deb Jaret, Dave Dunham, Scott & Linda Ivey, Lynn Hagele, Kathy Cufar, Jackie Monilaw, Ginny Vlach, Jerry Tipperreiter, Dennis Zachara**, newbie, **John Churnbull**, ORDCG, and **Jan Gawenda**.

The mechanics from ORDMM met at Maxwell's, they include **Don Kramlich, Cas Paprocki, Jim Vitte, Dean Hackenberg, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Boris Spitz, Bill Durr**, newbie, **Jim White, Fred Seibert, Frank Wenig, Jim Kraft, Walt Chornomaz**, and **Jim Zeier**.

The ORDMM Foremen met at Ellie's in April. The attendees were **Bart & Sue Kendall, Tom Abraham, Bob Smietanski, Jim Hall, John Schnittker, Roy Johnson**, and **Stan Chmieliwicz**. **Glenn Hill** couldn't make it, but went on a Caribbean Cruise in May with his family and friends. Just received word today from Stan's daughter, Jen, that her dad passed away May 6. He fell a few times last month, plus had a few age-related problems. He was 88, he loved coming to our breakfasts and attended faithfully every month. After 9/11/01, Stan was on the team that went to Shanksville to investigate the crash of flight 93. When he came back, he said it was the worst accident he ever saw in his life. It affected him deeply. He retired a short time later. We're going to miss him, he was a great friend and always willing to tell a story about his life and experiences at United. In connection with flight 93, gate 17 at Newark airport, flies the American flag, in

homage to the crew and passengers that departed from there that fateful morning. In our lifetime, it joins these other disasters, Pearl Harbor, and JFK's assassination, they affected the whole country forever. We always can answer the question, 'Where were you on that day?' Of course there were other weather and health related events, but I think these affected us and our country's history for all time.

IAM local 1487 chapter met at the Union hall, about 80 people enjoyed a delicious Cinco de Mayo lunch. The club's Executive Board organized this successful event. There were many Mexican favorites, enchiladas, and tacos with pork, beef, and chicken, accompanied by great sides of rice, beans, salsa, and the best of all, guacamole. Thanks to the Board for getting this together. Anybody who has planned a meal for more than 10 people knows this takes a lot of work and time. Tell your fellow retirees the fun we have, bring them with you the next meeting on June 5, they can join and see their old friends.

The Skyliner Club had their Spring Luncheon at the Belvedere Restaurant, over 80 people attended. The Elvis impersonator, Hugo, was a big hit. The only thing the ladies needed was their bobby sox and suede shoes. He provided the scarves. Let us know if you'd like us to have him back again, it's the only way we'll know. Elvis was quite a treat back in the 50's, wasn't he? All that shaking and swirling of the hips, with his hair falling on his forehead? Perry never did that, did he? Move over guys, here comes the new Rock and Roll world! He really broke the mold of Frank, Tony, Pattie, Andy, Liberace, Pat, Ray, Nat, Roy, wait, Ray Charles? No, nobody forgot Ray! Say that like Flip Wilson did. Great time for music and new groups. I've read in many places that the music of the 50's and 60's was the very best. We were so young, so naive and innocent, life was easy. We all wanted to get older, but this was not what I expected. Every day is a surprise, I still only listen to music up to the 70's. I have no idea who Lizzo or Doja Kat are, nor do I want to. The Skyliners are always looking for new members, tell your friends, relatives and neighbors to join us, only \$10.00 per family. I'd hate to see our chapter fold as some of them have recently. After all, we're Chicago's home town airline. We have to stay alive and strong! Thanks again to **Jim Sommerfield** and **Renee Jakus** for their planning, and getting a salad for the ones that like it, next time - soup! Thanks to all the Board that made everything go so smoothly. I can't do this position without a good back-up group. Thank you to all of you that attended, hope you had an uplifting afternoon. Christmas will be our next event, December 9.

Our fellow co-workers that flew West last month are **Dave Willy**, ORDCG/FF, **Richard Belzer**, ORDMK/ORDJL, **Karen Fudge**, EXO Dining Service, and ORDFO, widow of **Bill Fudge**, CHI Sales Department.

Also gone from our world are, actors, Ruth Buzzi, (Laugh-In), Will Hutchins (TV'S Sugarfoot), Priscilla Pointer (Dallas, Carrie), Charley Scales (The Sopranos), Wink Martingale (Tik, Tak Dough, game show host), former Illinois Governor, George Ryan, Chicago Bears sports great Steve 'Mongo' McMichaels, recently named a Hall of Famer, singers Lenny Welch (You Don't Know Me), Nino Tempo (Deep Purple), Don Mischer, TV producer, (Oscars, Super Bowl Half-Time Shows), David Horowitz, writer, and the head of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis.

Do you remember **Dale Harper**? He sent out the Daily Operations report to many of us until ill health came his way. Last month, I wrote to his son, he said Dale was holding his own, but with a few problems. He was always so kind to send out that report. Maybe he could use a few prayers from us.

More UAL news. They are removing 4 percentage points of scheduled domestic capacity starting the third quarter of 2025. We're also continuing to make prudent adjustments to the utilization rate of our fleet, including ongoing reductions in off-peak flying on lower demand days. They intend to continue this approach into the fourth quarter of this year. However, international travel is growing about 5% and bookings for premium cabins have gone up 17% compared to last year. I am so glad I did my traveling years ago, doesn't sound very promising for us! We could always drive to Iowa, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. Trains are still running, aren't they? Hey, at least we're still in business! I think we agree we worked during the best years. Sure, we had strikes, problems, lost money, can't forget ESOP, bankruptcy and the ever popular Alegius fiasco. Still shake my head on that one. Didn't they spend like \$2,000,000 to come up with that name? I don't even want to remember what genius decided that one.

They are also considering retiring the older Boeing 767 and 777 jets that we received in the 80's. Doesn't seem that long ago, does it, but it is. I remember when the first 767 came to ORD, we all went out to look at it, now they're saying they are too old, and looking at new models. I found an article that says UAL ordered 50 Boeing 787-9's and 60 Airbus A31neos, with delivery starting in 2028 to 2030. They're calling this, 'United Next' strategy, which focuses on modernizing the fleet and improving the passenger experience. They better hurry, if the other ones are getting old. Jet Zero, an aircraft company, received orders for their new jets from United and Alaska. They have 250 seats and are called a blended wing body plane. It looks like an F-15 or similar. They are fuel efficient and hope to be an enhanced customer experience. But as of now, they are

building a model for the U.S. Air Force. United won't see a model until after that. That should be interesting; we'll see how that idea works out.

This problem will hopefully be settled by the time you read this, but Newark Airport is having their share of problems. They are doing construction on one of their three runways, and the other will have wind slow-downs or stoppages for weeks. United is cutting 35 round-trips per day from our ORD-EWR schedule. Also, there is a shortage of air traffic controllers. Last year the FAA said they were short 3,000 controllers. They are trying to hire more, but they have strict rules regarding age, ability to handle stress and working extra hours because of the shortages. Scott Kirby said there is nothing else he can do because if he doesn't cut flights, it could cause a serious safety issue. You probably heard of some of the cities affected. The runway is supposed to be closed until mid-June. All airlines are affected and are working to move the flights to the other NYC airports, LaGuardia and JFK.

Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most.
C'mon Cubbies, Gooooo!

Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott St., Elk Grove, (**June 12**), second Thursday of the month.

IAM 1487 Lunch - 1487 Lodge, 11:00 A.M., 50 W. Oakton St, Des Plaines (**June 5**) First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**June 19**). Third Thursday.

RUPA Lunch - Nick's Pizza, 11:00 A.M., 856 Pyott Rd, Algonquin, (**July 8**)

INDIANA



INDY RACERS

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Our most recent meeting was on April 8th. In attendance were **Bob Duty, Frank Ingegno, Alan Miller, Simon Jahner, Ron Bretherick, Ralph Barnett, Mike Herskynal, Bill Wallace, Fred Mosier** and **Jack Mason**. It was Fred's first time meeting with us. We all enjoy reconnecting after all these years. Our meeting was spent getting to know new members and guests and talking about old times at the "Lazy U". It's been encouraging to see interest in our chapter grow of late. I credit Facebook posts for the interest. I'm hoping it continues.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants/members. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. 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's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **May 13** at Emmy's
- **June 10** at Emmy's
- **July 8** at Emmy's
- **August 12** at Emmy's

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NOR'EASTERS

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The Nor'Easters finally held a luncheon for the first time in well over a year. We had 20 members present.

Our deceased treasurer **Bill Vanderwal**'s niece finally was able to send me the money we had accumulated when we were active. So the chapter was able to buy everyone lunch and drinks. Needless to say, a good time was had by all.

I haven't seen most in over a year but haven't seen some for as much as seven years. Next month, I'll be sending a full list of everyone's name present. Meanwhile, all said they can't wait for another luncheon. With a little bit of luck, they will not have to wait long!

MICHIGAN



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Bev Roberts, DTWRR retiree, passed away recently; condolences may be sent to her niece, Michele Smendziuk, 2921 Michigan Rd., Port Huron, MI 48060.

Jeff Lefleur's wife, **Carole**, has been hospitalized about 2 weeks. She has undergone 3 surgeries last week and is expected to have another this week. Get Well wishes would be appreciated. Cards may be sent to: **Jeff & Carole Lefleur**, 1117 Scarlet Oak E., Jackson, MI 49201-9546.

Thought for the month: *"If someone is on your mind, say a prayer for them. God may have put them on your mind for a reason."*

NEBRASKA



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

NEVADA

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The Silverliners extend an invitation to all Nevada UA/CO retirees to join us. For more information, please contact either **Arlene McCroy**, apolloguys@aol.com or **Mary Chandler**, honolulumary06@yahoo.com.



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There were 10 members at our April meeting at Black Bear Diner. Last year, a total eclipse of the sun was occurring so only 4 of us were present. This year, in addition to the regulars, **Bill (George) Ingels**, retired engine inspector (SFOPI) joined us. The **Leusings** are still traveling so they were not in attendance.

Tips on traveling solo were printed in the latest issue of the RUAEA newsletter. The article contained a lot of common-sense information and good ideas.

Linda Borchers was the single April birthday celebrant. The single May birthday is **Bonnie Royal**.

The 50/50 winner was me, for a second consecutive month. John and I will not be attending the May meeting; we will be enjoying the warm sun of Mexico. The winner of 2 Easter gold bunnies was **June Roe** and the winner of the Easter chicken was **Kathy Robinson**.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, May 12 at Black Bear Diner at 11:00 am.

NEW JERSEY

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Nine retirees showed up for our luncheon this month. We discussed the Mass for **Frank Kokoska**, schedule for May 24th which turns out to be on Memorial Day weekend and some guys have plans with their families on that weekend.

It was a short luncheon and our next one will be on May 28th.

NEW YORK

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BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

NEW YORK METROS

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Our May gathering was on a beautiful sunny day. Missing were **Emma & Nunzio Milazzo**, guess they were off celebrating their anniversary. Others celebrating May anniversaries were **Madeline & John Klos, Mary & John Green, Ona & Jason Weiner, Eileen & Stan Blonair.**

Happy May Birthday to **Donna Feingold** and **Claire Wilsdorf.**

50/50 winners were **Suzanne Lagasi, Donna Feingold,** and **Nick Manfredo.**

Did you know that polar bears have white fluffy fur but their skin is black.

See you June 4th.

Calendar:

June 4 – Meeting.

OHIO

OHIO BUCKEYES

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The Ohio Buckeyes Chapter met at Mahle's Restaurant in Westlake Ohio on May 7th with 39 retirees in attendance. Everyone loved the great food and had a fabulous time getting together. In attendance were President **Sue Broderick & Tim Baker**, Vice President **Sharon Minelli. John & Carrie Kercel, Bernie Kazimer, MaryLou Mack, Judy & Jeff Spooner, Barb & Frank Wachs** along with a guest **Shirley McCarthy, George & Nancy Oncu, Ben Bogucki, Betty Kriskker, Candy Kane, Ed Hall, Kathy Kilbane, Ron Weisbarth, Jack Wright, Jeff Wright, Bernie Garrah, Gene & Jackie Craig, Kay Preston, Tom Duta, Clara Dietrich, Sharon Gatesman** and friend **Fay Sander, Tom & Marty Hassel, Nany Cleary, Steve & Lee Rak** and **Dave & Sharon Simpson.**

We celebrated Birthdays and Anniversaries. We really need to practice singing.

50/50 winners ~ 3 nice pots of \$50.00 each went to **Jeff Wright, Barb Wachs** and **Sue Broderick.**

We were very happy to see so many people attending. Some people have been out ill but were back with us and that makes it fun.

I had some great pictures but could not get them uploaded to add. It was many happy faces.

If you are interested in attending our meetings or if you are a Buckeye at heart, please contact **Sue Broderick**, (312) 215-0326 for additional info as we would love to see you. Our schedule is as follows:

- ★ **June 4** - Tony K's Bar and Grill
- ★ **August 6** - Brown Derby
- ★ **September 3** – Simon's Restaurant

★ **October 1** – Planted Flag (AF Veterans are owners)

★ **November 5** - Gino's

★ **December 3** - Diamond Event Center

Thank you for flying United!

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

Portland

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Only 19 folks were able to join us for our April lunch. Still the conversations were lively, many were encouraged to share their wedding stories, there was lots of laughter, and the food was delicious. **Carol How** won the door prize for free lunch; **Jeri Blodgett** won for the women's birthday of the month, and **Paul Lewis** for the men. **Jeri Blodgett** also won the 50/50 drawing; a very lucky month for Jeri for sure! There were no folks with April anniversaries in attendance.

Unfortunately, we have another death to report: **Henry Greene**, retired PDXCS agent, passed away on March 15. There was a service on Tuesday, March 25 at Evergreen Memorial Garden, Vancouver, WA. If you wish to send a card to his wife **Kathy Greene**, the address is PO Box 872258, Vancouver, WA 98687-2258.

And now for a little humor, with some philosophy thrown in occasionally, to make your day pass with a little more fun!

- ☺ This getting old is a terrible thing. I blacked out for twenty minutes this morning, and then I realized I had put my hoodie on backwards.
- ☺ I was minding my own business then all of a sudden 1975 was 50 years ago!
- ☺ If someone offers you a "iece of their mind", just politely decline and insist you can't possibly take their last piece!
- ☺ They really did put a Discman with the Anti-Skip System in a museum already. don't think I've ever felt older in my life.
- ☺ I need to get in shape. If I were murdered right now, my chalk outline would be a circle!
- ☺ I'm at the age where the next day my body whispers to me, "Don't do that again!"
- ☺ Why did the latte go to therapy? It couldn't expresso its feelings. (a giant groan)
- ☺ I know it's time to clean out my purse when my car thinks it's a second passenger who's not wearing their seatbelt.
- ☺ We may not party like we used to, but if we take a nap we can stay up until dark.
- ☺ At a couple counseling meeting, the speaker mentioned that couples are so disconnected that 85% of husbands don't even know their wife's favorite flower. Mick turned to his wife and whispered: "It's self-rising, isn't it?"
- ☺ Me before coffee: Judgmental and sarcastic. Me after coffee: Judgmental and sarcastic, but faster.
- ☺ I don't really have a plan. I rely on caffeine and weirdness to get me through the day.
- ☺ When we were young, we'd laugh at the commercial, "Help! I've fallen and I can't get up." I get it now, and it's not so funny.
- ☺ I just accomplished a 30-minute-long full body workout trying to pick an ice cube up off the floor.
- ☺ A good wife will always be by your side during bad times ... mostly to remind you that none of this would've happened if you had just listened to her.
- ☺ I hate it when Wal-Mart doesn't have what I need and I have to go home, change out of my pajamas, and brush my hair so I can go to Target.
- ☺ I learned something new this Easter. At our age, we can hide our own eggs, wait half an hour, and have no clue where we left them.
- ☺ I did not trip! The floor looked sad, so I thought it needed a hug.
- ☺ I haven't lost all my marbles yet, but there is definitely a hole in the bag somewhere.
- ☺ I'm tired of being the only one who cleans, pays all the bills, cooks, and does the dishes in this house. I do live alone, but still.

- ☺ If you think that your microwave collecting data and the TV spying on you is bad enough ... the vacuum cleaner has been gathering dirt on you for years.
- ☺ Tesla founder Elon Musk is originally from South Africa, which is strange ... you'd think he was from Mad-at-gas-car.
- ☺ Me: It doesn't have a tail, so I'm pretty sure it's a hamster: Tech support: *sigh* Fine. Right click on your hamster.
- ☺ I think it's funny that they're now putting jokes on the back of bacon packages. Listen to this one: Serving size: 2 slices!
- ☺ Today I realized that I'm never going to have to worry about my wife and I arguing over who's right and who's wrong, because I was lucky enough to find a wife who is never wrong!
- ☺ Top tip: Keep a few "Get Well" cards on your mantelpiece. That way, when people visit, they will think you've been too sick to clean.
- ☺ My spring clothes have missed me so much. I put them on, and they hugged me so tightly I could barely breathe.
- ☺ I asked my wife why she married me. She said it was "because you're so funny and you make me laugh so much." I told her I thought it was because I was so charming and good looking. She replied, "See? You're hilarious!"
- ☺ I once swallowed a book of synonyms. It's given me thesaurus throat I've ever had.
- ☺ Apparently, it's only appropriate to say, "Look at you! You got so big!" to children. Adults tend to get offended.
- ☺ Folding laundry is like packing to stay at home.
- ☺ The pollen around here has been so bad that I coughed up 2 daffodils and a pine cone this evening.

Until next month!

Calendar:

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

May 8

2nd Thursday of every month.

PENNSYLVANIA

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

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There is no report this month from the Pittsburgh Pit-Stoppers chapter of RUAEA.

UTAH

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

WASHINGTON

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Our next scheduled meeting is the summer picnic on Tuesday, July 8 at Noon. Cost is \$10 per person, the chapter will cover the rest; it will again be hosted by **Kathi Skarbo** at her home by the lake in Burien.

As usual, the Mechanics breakfast is scheduled at 8:30 on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Trotter Restaurant in Auburn.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

THE DULLES LOUNGERS

Washington, D.C.
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First of all, I would like to thank our President **Carl Alford** for taking up the slack while I was unable to write this article; it is important to our chapter of RUAEA to stay in touch with the other chapters, and Carl made that happen when I was incapacitated. In my absence, I made quite a few physical adjustments; one disc in my upper spine (neck) was removed and a few weeks later, I had surgery on both wrists because of carpal tunnel. Most recently (May 3), I had surgery on my lower back (discs 3, 4 and 5); it did not go well. I was in the hospital for 3 days, home 4 and then back into the hospital for 4 days. After that, the incision refused to heal until this week. My husband had this same surgery by the same doctor in the same hospital and was up and about in two weeks. I guess I was just being uncooperative.

In the meantime, except for one luncheon that was canceled due to snow, all luncheons have been well attended and enjoyable from all reports.

Our scheduled meeting on 9 April was attended by 28 members. It was a beautiful day and I'm sure some of our members were out playing golf.

Bob O'Roark bought a new microphone for the chapter and gave it to Carl. Carl has no problem making himself heard, but I'm sure a microphone will make it easier. Thank you, Bob, you are ever so thoughtful.

On June 11th, we will have our final gathering until the 2nd Wednesday of September. June 11th will be a party held at Logan's Roadhouse in Manassas, Virginia. Each member will pay \$5 for entry and the chapter will pay the rest out of our treasury. We had a great time here last year and the food was quite good. We know a great time will be had by all once again.

Our 50/50 was won by **Gale Heuser** as was one of the door prizes. This was a lucky day for Gale. Congratulations!

Vincent Briones, IADCS/Global Services attended our luncheons for the first time on that Wednesday and was welcomed warmly. I'm sure he felt right at home when he saw the many CS Agents that are members; not

to mention the 9 flight Attendants that were in attendance. He probably had helped each one board their flights (on time) at least once. Our chapter is proud to have representatives from almost every department of our company.

We will resume having our regular luncheons and meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of September. We invite you to join us if you are in town. Until next month, stay happy and healthy.

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The Challenge to Keep Moving in Retirement ~ On February 16, 2025 I fell and missed the last step coming down the stairs during a power outage at my house and while I consider myself to be in excellent shape especially since I am still flying my international flights; accidents, falls, illness and overall aches and pains happen. I suffered a broken foot and badly sprained ankle. I was out of commission for six weeks and the most I could do while stuck in a knee-length boot was create a putting green in my family room and tap into chair yoga on the internet. Movement and staying in shape is critical to staying active on great days and recovering from mishaps on not so great days.

I like to say that I am semi-retired with a great part-time job, so pursuing my favorite sports brings me a great deal of joy. Retirement offers such a fantastic opportunity to embrace new passions and dedicate more time to activities that bring joy and well-being. For me, I am consumed by all things golf and if I could play ice hockey I would but I do have my limits ... my goal is simply to be an old jock ☺

The Enduring Appeal of Golf in Retirement ~ Golf often rises to prominence in retirement for some compelling reasons:

- **Physical Activity with a Gentle Pace:** While it might not be a high-impact sport, a round of golf involves a significant amount of walking, swinging, and bending. This provides excellent cardiovascular exercise, strengthens muscles, and improves flexibility – all crucial for maintaining mobility and preventing age-related decline.
- **Mental Engagement and Strategic Thinking:** Golf isn't just about physical prowess; it demands focus, concentration, and strategic decision-making. Navigating the course, selecting clubs, and planning shots keep the mind sharp and engaged.
- **Social Connection and Camaraderie:** The social aspect of golf is a huge draw for many retirees. Spending time with friends on the course, joining golf clubs, and participating in tournaments fosters a sense of community and belonging, combating potential feelings of isolation.
- **Time Spent Outdoors and Vitamin D:** Golf courses often boast beautiful scenery, providing a chance to spend hours in the fresh air and sunshine (while being mindful of sun protection, of course!). This exposure to sunlight helps the body produce Vitamin D, essential for bone health and overall well-being.
- **A Sport for All Skill Levels:** Whether you're a seasoned pro or a complete beginner, golf offers challenges and rewards at every level. The handicap system allows players of different abilities to compete and enjoy the game together.

Beyond the Fairway ~ While golf holds a special place for many retirees, the world of sports and activities offers a vast array of options to suit diverse interests and physical capabilities:

- **Swimming:** This low-impact activity is gentle on the joints while providing a full-body workout. It improves cardiovascular health, strengthens muscles, and enhances flexibility.
- **Walking and Hiking:** Simple yet incredibly beneficial, walking and hiking can be tailored to individual fitness levels. They improve cardiovascular health, strengthen bones and muscles, and provide opportunities to enjoy nature.
- **Cycling:** Whether on roads or scenic trails, cycling is a fantastic way to stay active, improve cardiovascular fitness, and explore the surroundings.

- **Tennis and Pickleball:** These racquet sports offer a great blend of physical activity, social interaction, and friendly competition. Pickleball, in particular, has gained immense popularity among retirees due to its lower impact and social nature.
- **Yoga and Pilates:** These practices focus on flexibility, strength, balance, and mindfulness, all of which are increasingly important as we age. They can help prevent falls, reduce pain, and improve overall well-being.
- **Dancing:** From ballroom to Zumba, dancing is a fun and engaging way to get exercise, improve coordination, and socialize.
- **Gardening:** While not strictly a sport, gardening involves physical activity, provides a sense of accomplishment, and connects individuals with nature.
- **Lawn Bowls and Croquet:** These gentler outdoor activities offer social interaction and light exercise in a relaxed setting.

The Multifaceted Benefits: More Than Just Physical Health ~ Engaging in sports and activities during retirement extends far beyond just physical well-being:

- **Enhanced Mental Health:** Exercise releases endorphins, which have mood-boosting effects and can help reduce stress, anxiety, and symptoms of depression. The social interaction involved in many sports also combats loneliness and promotes a sense of belonging.
- **Improved Cognitive Function:** Physical activity has been linked to improved cognitive function, including memory, attention, and processing speed. Staying active can help maintain brain health as we age.
- **Increased Energy Levels:** Counter intuitively, regular exercise can actually increase energy levels and reduce feelings of fatigue.
- **Better Sleep Quality:** Physical activity can promote more restful and deeper sleep.
- **Sense of Purpose and Accomplishment:** Pursuing a sport or activity can provide a new sense of purpose and accomplishment in retirement, replacing the structure and goals of a career.
- **Opportunities for Learning and Growth:** Taking up a new sport or activity often involves learning new skills and challenging oneself, fostering personal growth.

It's about embracing an active lifestyle, whether it's through golf, gardening, dancing, or any other activity that brings joy and keeps the body and mind engaged. That consistent movement is the key to maintaining independence, vitality, and overall well-being as we navigate this wonderful phase of life. Happy Spring Everyone!

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of April 2025:

Sylvester Gant, South Holland, IL
 Johan Loebis, Aurora, CO
 Palma Oconnor, Palatine, IL
 Ivana Tsaier, Westminster, CO

CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of April 2025:

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OBITUARIES

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

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

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

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

Retiree – **Knowles, Jack W.**, on 4/12/2025, SFOEP, husband of Dorothy B. Knowles (deceased), grandfather father of Eric Seyvertsen and Harold Knowles, 36521 Cabrillo Dr., Fremont, CA 94536

Retiree – **Levy, Robert O.**, on 9/5/2024, SFOKF, husband of Ingeborg Levy, 2045 Tenaya Wy, Las Vegas, NV 89117

Retiree – **Miller, Fred S.**, on 3/28/2025, LAXCG, husband of Nancy Miller, 24451 Madison Street, Torrance, CA 90505

Retiree – **Shriner, Robert Wayne**, on 9/25/2024, ORDCS, husband of Judith Ann Shriner, 7819 Torino Ct., Lincoln, NE 68516

Letters & Notes



**We appreciate your letters & notes. Please keep them coming. Send them to:
RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207
-or- johnqchu@hotmail.com.**

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

Jacque Ahern, Amelia G. Briones, Gloria Fennell, Patricia D. Guinn, Kate King, Janet L. Schmidt, and Gayle A. Swanson.

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.)

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

Thank you for your continued work publishing the RUAEA Newsletter for us retirees. It's been 28 years since I retired from LAXSW.

Diane Bowen, PO Box 179, Roxbury, PA 17521

Many thanks for keeping us all connected through the RUAEA Newsletter. I retired back in 1996 and still have most of the Newsletters. It is nice to see the various reports from all the chapters, and I often think that I'd like to visit their get-togethers if I have a chance to visit their cities.

Blessings to all!

Dennis J. Scheuerell, 1744 4th Avenue, West Linn, OR 97068

I've been retired 22 years now, and life is still good – I guess because of all the good air and exercise I was getting while working outside on the ramp at four airports for 43 years.

I still have good health; I can still recognize a lot of names in the Newsletter, some from MDW and Capital. I talk to many people about RUAEA. We retirees don't always realize how lucky we are to be a part of this great organization. We can only hope that United does not forget us retirees who helped get this airline up and flying.

Notes

Terri Crowell-Laney

I remarried 2 years ago and am currently living in Milwaukie, OR.

Harumi Odori

Hiroo is my husband's name. He passed away 15 years ago.

Janet Tschann

I've fully retired from career number three and am dedicated to traveling and enjoying my amazing UAL retiree benefits. Looking forward to meeting others through this group!

James L. Stevens

I'm still up and about, walk a mile every day, attend the senior center most days to have lunch and gossip. I worked 33 years at SFOEG in Engine controls. I've been retired 32 years and enjoying life everyday.

Michael Nichols

Thank you for the good info about pass travel.

Judy Ford

I have been spending many weekends with so many other senior citizens fighting to save Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid; I love the energy of the crowds. We must protect our rights and benefits we all worked and paid for. Thanks for the wonderful newsletters; I always look forward to them.



September 27, 2025 ~ October 1, 2025
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3333 Quebec Street
Denver, CO 80207

*Come join us along with RUPA,
ARECA, RAFA & Clipped Wings*

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Welcome to the 2025 RUAEA Golden Jubilee

RUAEA and the DEN Mile Highers would like to welcome all of you to this year's Golden Jubilee Reunion. The RUAEA Denver Chapter, The Mile Highers President **Paul Goodyear** and his members are working hard to make sure we have a great time. Paul is a busy guy as he is also the President of the UAHF (United Airlines Historical Foundation) and will coordinate the tour of the Flight Training Center. The Mile Highers are providing volunteers at the hotel and the airport to assist those attending.

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 Reunion is co-sponsored with ARECA (Association of Retired Employees of Continental Airlines), and RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association) with all branches of the United Family joining in; Clipped Wings (Former & current UA Flight Attendants) and RAFA (Retiree Association of Flight Atendants). We encourage you to bring friends and family to this great city to enjoy the tours and camaraderie we all share at this Golden Jubilee celebration.

Our hotel is the Holiday Inn Denver East, 3333 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207. 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.**

Registration and late tour sales will be on the Lobby Level, in the Golden Room. The Hospitality Suite is in the Boulder I & II rooms, lower level and will be 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, and Silent Auction items. There will be a Cash Bar each evening (cash or credit card) and door prizes.

The **Colorado Country Night** will be on September 30th. There will be Sliders Galore and entertainment. The **Reunion Golden Gala Night** will be held on October 1st in the Denver Ballroom. Signup sheet will be available for the Banquet seating. Our dress code for this evening will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional, so bring all your friends. **Remember that the 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 Denver 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 9-10 for details and sign up early.**

Special tables will be in the Hospitality Suite with items for sale by Clipped Wings; proceeds go to their philanthropic group - Special Olympics. The Mainliner Club, UAHF (United Airlines Historical Foundation) will have items of interest, they will be at the Reunion to answer questions and accept donations. For any questions or concerns, please contact us at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or **Hank Gosselin** – VP-Conventions at henry-gosselin@comcast.net.

Transportation Information

For travel to and from Denver, don't forget UA discount, whereby you receive 20% off a confirmed fare. Almost all other carriers serve Denver. 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.

For ground transportation from the airport see page 4.

RUAEA Golden Jubilee 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 Tuesday 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. **The Special Raffle prize will be IHG award points with a value of approximately \$800.00; you will need to be present as enrollment for using the award points needs to take place at the hotel.** Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour as sales end each evening at 6:15 PM.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM, in the Denver Ballroom. The state of affairs of RUAEA will be announced by President **Ruth Morabito**. There will also be presentations by Executive VP **George Midwin** and RUAEA Newsletter Manager **John Chu**. **There will be door prizes so be sure to attend.**

BENEFITS PANEL PRESENTATION

This presentation will be following the Business Meeting; 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon on Tuesday September 30, 2025. Presenters will be from various Departments of United Airlines; including Cyber Security presentation along with Representatives from Alliant Credit Union. Workshops are planned after the presentations, one for Cyber Security and another for Travel Benefits as well as more personal discussions with Alliant Credit Union.

REGISTRATION

Registration forms and instructions are on pages C-9 and C-10, including your meal and tour selections. Tours are subject to cancellation if we do not have adequate participation. 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.

We encourage you to register online at ruaea.org/reunion and pay with a credit card.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Registration fees are non-refundable. For tour and dinner cancellations prior to the Reunion, please contact **Shirley Claggett** by **September 20, 2025** at ruaeaconvention@gmail.com or write to her at 1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198. **Dinner reservations may be canceled at the Reunion up to September 28, 2025.** 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 24 hour cancellation policy.** Also your credit card will be charged for the first night's stay 24 hours prior to arrival.

The Retired United Airlines Employees Association Reunion
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Our contract includes accommodations for 2 persons per room and breakfast for 2 at a rate of \$139.00 per room night, plus 15.75% tax. If you require different accommodations, such as additional guests per room or a handicapped-accessible room, please specify these needs when making your reservation. Please note: **This rate is available only to those who register for the Reunion.** You can book your hotel room using one of the following two options:

- ★ By Phone: Call Hotel Reservation Phone Number 866-380-6850, please mention the RUAEA Block code UEA. Upgrades can be made depending on availability.
- ★ Online: Go to <https://tinyurl.com/3czueb6w> to reserve your hotel room.

Please Note: This reservation is only for the hotel accommodations and not for the 50-Year Jubilee itself. We encourage you to make your hotel reservation as soon as possible, as space may be limited, and early reservations greatly assist in the planning process. Start planning your 2025 vacation to celebrate RUAEA's 50-Year Anniversary! Stay tuned for more information in upcoming RUAEA Newsletters over the next few months.

Hotel Information

- **Check in: 4:00 pm and Check out: 11:00 AM** – There is a 24 hour cancellation policy. Please read requirements when making your reservations.
- **Reservations must be made by August 26, 2025** to guarantee the Convention rate.

These rates will be available 3 days pre and 3 days post-Convention based on availability.

Ground Transportation

The Hotel does not provide transportation from the Airport, transportation options are:

- ★ RTD Train via Central Park Station Gate A3 – 22 Min. Senior rate one-way \$1.35. We suggest that you download the RTD App to your phone for more information. Call hotel for pick-up at Central Park Station (303) 321-3500.
- ★ Taxi – \$65-80, approximately 22 minutes and covers a distance of ~18.5 miles.
- ★ Drive – If renting a car, the distance is ~18.5 miles and takes approximately 22 minutes.
- ★ Towne Car – 22 min - \$70 – If Sharing/Split cost?
- ★ Uber/Lyft - 22 min – Cost depends on time of day.

Free Parking at the Hotel if Driving

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RUAEA – RUPA – ARECA REUNION 2025

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Friday	Sept. 26		Arrival of Board Members
Saturday	Sept. 27	9:00AM – 11:00AM – 12:00PM – 6:00PM	RUAEA Executive Board Meeting – Suite 305 RUAEA Board Meeting – Suite 305I Registration – Golden Room, Lobby Level Hospitality Suite – Boulder I & II, Lower Level
Sunday	Sept. 28	10:00AM – 6:00PM 10:00AM – 6:15PM 9:30AM – 11:30AM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:15PM	Registration – Golden Room, Lobby Level 50/50 – Special Raffle Sales – Boulder I & II Tour 1 – Denver City Tour Hospitality Get Together – Boulder I & II Cash Bar (Cash or Credit Card) 50/50 Drawing – 7:30PM Door Prizes
Monday	Sept. 29	10:00AM – 6:00PM 8:00AM – 6:15PM 9:00AM – 1:00PM 1:00PM – 3:00PM 2:00PM – 3:00PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:15PM	Registration – Golden Room, Lobby Level 50/50 – Special Raffle Sales – Boulder I & II Tour 2 – Foothills Tour RUPA Board Meeting – TBD ARECA Board Meeting – TBD Hospitality Get Together – Boulder I & II Cash Bar (Cash or Credit Card) 50/50 Drawing – 7:30PM Door Prizes
Tuesday	Sept. 30	8:30AM – 9:30AM 10:00AM – 12:00PM 12:30PM – 3:00PM 5:30PM – 8:30PM 6:15PM –	Registration on Request RUAEA Business Meeting – Denver Ballroom Benefits Panel Presentation – Denver Ballroom Benefits Breakout Session – TBD Cyber Security Workshop Travel Workshop Colorado Country Night with Entertainment – Denver Ballroom, Cash Bar (Cash or Credit Card) 50/50 drawing Special Raffle Drawing Silent Auction closeout
Wednesday	Oct. 1	9:00AM – 2:30PM 5:30PM – 7:00PM 7:00PM – 10:00PM	Tour 3 UA Flight Training Center Hospitality Get Together – Denver Ballroom Cash Bar (Cash or Credit Card) RUAEA's Golden Gala Night Banquet & Entertainment – Denver Ballroom

**All Veterans are invited to take part in the Flag Presentation
Prior to the Banquet on the Golden Gala Night!**



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RUAEA 2025 TOUR SUMMARIES

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Tour #1 ~ 9:30AM ~ 11:30AM **Denver City Tour - \$40.00 p/p**



Board an air-conditioned bus for a driving tour around the city. See the State Capital, the 16th Street Mall, Civic Center Park, Larimer Square, Dairy Block with a 30 minute stop at Union Station. At Union Station, you can browse for gifts, have coffee or other beverage or just take in the scenes before returning to the Holiday Inn. This tour gives you an overview of what is available in the City for you to visit later on your own. Our hotel offers free shuttle service within a four mile radius. They can drop you at Central Park Station where you can take the RTD downtown and Union Station.

Download the RTD MyRide app for schedules, ticket purchases and more. RTD offers senior rates on a variety of tickets.

RUAEA 2025 TOUR SUMMARIES

Monday, September 29, 2025

Tour # 2 ~ 9:00AM ~ 1:00PM **Foothills Tour - \$70.00 p/p**



Board an air-conditioned bus for an interesting tour around the nearby area. Visit Red Rock Park for a one-hour stay. You can visit the Natural Amphitheatre with its fantastic views. There is a café for snacks and beverages. Then drive through Bear Creek Canyon, then on to the Town of Evergreen and Evergreen Lake. Evergreen is a quaint mountain town that offers a blend of natural beauty, history and culture. You will next visit Look Out Mountain and the grave of Buffalo Bill Cody. You will have about an hour for browsing have a light snack and/or a cool beverage. Then you are on to the Town of Golden and go by the Coors Brewery. Unfortunately we will only be passing by

the Coors Brewery so there will be no beer tasting.

RUAEA 2025 TOUR SUMMARIES

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Tour #3 ~ 9:00AM ~ 2:30PM **United Airlines Flight Training Center** **Suggested Donation - \$20.00 p/p**



Escorted tour of the United Airlines Denver Flight Training Center and UAHF (United Airlines Historical Foundation) displays. Hopefully, you will be able to see the flight simulators in action. This Tour is made possible with the help of **Paul Goodyear** (RUAEA Denver Chapter Mile Highers President, and UAHF President); and RUPA President to be **John Yacus** (Retired

United Airlines Pilots Association). **All attendees electing to be on the tour by signing up on the Registration Packet will be cleared by the Flight Training Center security once the manifest is given to them with names of attendees. Security must have a list of attendees in advance for Security Badges.** At the hotel, there will be a list to sign up for the times. The tours are scheduled from 0900-1430 as only a small group can be escorted at a time. Your donations will offset any cost to RUAEA such as transportation; a reminder that RUAEA is a 501-c3 nonprofit organization and any donations are tax deductible.

Convention Committee

Chairperson – Betty Tomaino

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Colorado Country Night ~ Tuesday, September 30th
Denver Ballroom

Sliders Galore ~ Build Your Own

Grilled Angus Beef Slider, Grilled Chicken Breast Slider

*American cheese, Cheddar cheese, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion,
pickles, Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard, Hawaiian buns, Assorted chips and
Chef's Dessert*

Bring your Western wear or your old work uniforms

Featuring "The Loose Change" Band

Subsidized by RUAEA, Alliant Partners, and RUPA

RUAEA's Golden Gala Night
Wednesday, October 1st, 2025 ~ Denver Ballroom

MENU

Spring Salad

*Fresh greens, candied pecans, dried cranberries,
cherry tomatoes, carrots, garlic croutons*

Lemon Pepper Chicken Breast with Garlic & Herb Jus

-Or-

Beef Short Ribs with Red Demi-Glace

*Garlic Mashed Potatoes ~ Haricot Verts
Vegetarian Option*

Dessert

Entertainment by "Dizzy With A Dame" Band

Bring your dancing shoes or just listen to good music

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Conv. Treas. use only	Batch No.	Form No.	Group No.	Check Amount
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2025 RUAEA –RUPA - ARECA Reunion Registration Form
Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 26th, 2025
The deadline for Reunion Registration is September 15th, 2025

(Please Print Clearly)

File Number	Check if Member Of					Retired From: Department & Domicile		
	<input type="checkbox"/> RUAEA	<input type="checkbox"/> RUPA	<input type="checkbox"/> ARECA	<input type="checkbox"/> CW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Last Name:		First Name:			Name Tag: (If Different)			
Street Address:					Are You a Veteran?		Y <input type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
City:		State:		Zip:	Phone:			
Spouse Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		Name Tag: (If Different)		
Guest 1 Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		Name Tag: (If Different)		
Guest 2 Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		Name Tag: (If Different)		
Guest 3 Last Name:		First Name:		Veteran <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		Name Tag: (If Different)		
Email address (to be used for receiving Reunion updates or Tour information changes)								
Would you like your email address or cell published in the Reunion Directory?						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Enter email address:					Cell phone:			

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. There will be sign-up sheet for banquet seating. Each table seats 10 people.

Date – 2025		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
Registration Fee – Non Refundable ***Fee Required for each Attendee***					\$18.00	\$
	Colorado Country Night				\$40.00	\$
Banquet						
	Lemon Pepper Chicken				\$70.00	\$
	Braised Beef Short Ribs				\$70.00	\$
	Vegetarian Option				\$70.00	\$
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						\$

**See Registration Form Page 2 (C-10) for information on how to
register and pay for the 2025 Reunion.**

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Tour Registration

Date – 2025	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Sunday, Sept. 28	Denver City Tour	1	40.00				
Monday, Sept. 29	Foothills Tour	2	70.00				
Wed., Oct. 1	Flight Training Center (Suggested Donation)	3	20.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on Page C-9)							
RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE REUNION							

**TO BE LISTED IN THE REUNION DIRECTORY,
YOU MUST REGISTER BY
September 15, 2025**

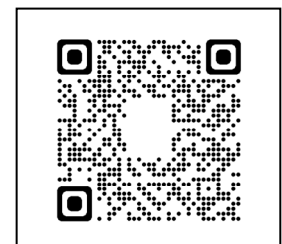
Please inform us of any special access or accommodations for any tours you are booking.

You can register and pay for the Reunion by the following two methods:

1. Register and pay online with Credit Card at <https://ruaea.org/reunion> or use attached QR Code.

2. Make Check Payable to: 2025 RUAEA Convention

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:
2025 RUAEA Convention, c/o Shirley Claggett,
1007 South 262nd Place, Des Moines, WA 98198.
Email – ruaeaconvention@gmail.com



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The Contact Column



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<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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United Employee Service Center

1-877-825-3729

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

- ▲ Visit Flying Together for travel policies at
<https://ft.ual.com/travel/passriderslandingpage/retiree>
- ▲ Submit questions using Help Hub at
<https://helphub.ual.com>
- ▲ Search “Employee Travel Inquiry”
- ▲ Chat with a team member using a virtual chat assistant
from any Travel page on Flying Together

United Airlines Technical Service Desk

1-800-255-5801

For Flying Together password assistance

Do not use for pass travel questions

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To: Mr. J.V. Magee, - Special Assistant to the General Superintendent, Air Mail Service, Washington, D.C.

From: Jack H. Knight, Pilot - Experimental Night Flying, Omaha, Nebraska - March 9, 1923

My Dear Mr. Magee:

After several forced landings due to a faulty motor in ship #242, I arrived in Omaha, Nebraska from Dayton, Ohio on February 5th, 1923. Numerous repairs to the motor were made from February 5th until February 8th. On this date, after a test flight in Omaha, I flew the ship to North Platte, Nebraska.

At North Platte, on the night of February 8th, I made a flight of slightly over one-half hour, before being forced to land by a broken rocker arm and a "missing" motor.

The 8th was a very dark night with no horizon whatsoever. I had an excellent opportunity to test all my lights as well as my new Turn Indicator and Banking Indicator. On take-off it had been simply a matter of turning out all lights - dash lights and navigation lights - and flying the ship by "feel" until I was positive of 1000 feet altitude.

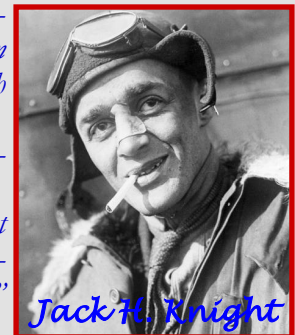
At this altitude, a slight error in judgment does not have the same embarrassing effect on the ship and pilot that it might have at 100 feet.

The ceiling on this particular evening was about 1600 feet and hazy, as well as black. Until my eyes had become accustomed to the darkness, I felt the same degree of accuracy that a person feels in a perfectly strange room which is dark and full of obstacles.

I found that it was comparatively simple to fly toward a light (on the ground) some distance away, because you could check your direction as well as balance, but it was a difficult matter to fly into pitch blackness and maintain an accurate compass course at one altitude.

After flying ten minutes North by my instruments, I flew a credible return trip by the same method. I next flew the ship from my previous altitude to about 100 feet from the ground and cut-in my Wing-tip lights. The lights carried about 3/4 mile ahead and illuminated fairly well, but the "pencil of light" had a tendency to dazzle slightly and after turning them out, had a tendency to blind temporarily until my eyes became accustomed to the dark again. Regaining 1000 feet, my motor started missing badly so I came back to the field and landed OK, with one search light (landing light) burnt out.

At this time there were no Boundary lights on North Platte's landing field except two burning Buckets of Gasoline to show the limits. ■



Jack H. Knight

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