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# GENERAL NEWS

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## Letter from the President



Hi Everyone,

I will try not to bore you with a bunch of computer talk, but I have received many calls about Flying Together and YBR. YBR (Your Benefits Resources) which is now called alight. These are the people who take care of your companion charges and your health benefits which you have to use a computer/tablet/smart phone to sign on to either or both. The easiest way to get through all of this is to come to the Reunion; all will be explained and instruction on how to do all of this will be presented at the Benefits Panel meeting.

I know it's all very confusing but it's called *changes* and one thing we know for sure is that change is going to happen whether we like it or not. I have been able to solve a few issues but I'm not able to stay up with all of them.

The Reunion sign up and the total Reunion Package is published in this issue (it is also available on our website, [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org)), so make sure your friends and guests have the ability to do all of it. Thanks to Virgil, Knut and Susan, John C. and a few others; this year, we offer you the convenient option of registering for the Reunion plus your choices of any of the Reunion events on our website ([www.ruaea.org/reunion](http://www.ruaea.org/reunion)) and paying for it with your personal Credit Card.

Make your hotel reservations and register for our 2023 Reunion soon so you don't miss out on all the good time. All room reservations for the Dana Hotel must be made through the hotel; go to <https://bit.ly/3yeRaFe>; or phone 1-800-445-3339. Please mention RUAEA Annual Conference.

Thank you,

**Don Burbank**  
**RUAEA President**

## So Simple From Sheryl



I am submitting a different type of recipe this month, but I think you will enjoy the change. It does have more ingredients than usual, but once you have bought them you will have them for next time and it is so easy to make and store. We enjoy granola in the morning or as a midday snack.

### Granola:

6 cups slow cooking oatmeal  
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar  
¾ cup wheat germ  
½ cup flaked coconut  
¼ cup sesame seeds  
1 cup chopped nuts of your choice, I use mostly almonds.

½ cup nonfat dry milk  
2/3 cup honey  
2/3 cup vegetable oil  
2 tbsp water  
1½ tsp vanilla  
1 cup raisins  
1 cup dried cranberries

In a large bowl combine, oats, brown sugar, wheat germ, coconut, sesame seeds, nuts, and nonfat dry milk. Combine honey, vegetable oil, water and vanilla. Add to oat mixture. Stir to coat ingredients well.

Pour mixture into two large shallow baking pans. Heat in 300 oven for 25-35 minutes or until lightly toasted. Keep an eye on it towards the end as it burns easily. Stir twice during heating. Stir occasionally while cooling. Crumble into pieces. Add raisins and/or dried cranberries. Store in tightly sealed container. Granola may be frozen.

Makes 14 cups.

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

During this year's Reunion in San Diego, **RUPA** (**R**etired **U**nited **P**ilots **A**ssociation) will be offering a Golf Tournament on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>:



## **Attention All Golfers**

**RUPA Sponsored Golf Tournament**  
**at the Sea 'N Air Golf Course,**  
**North Island Naval Air Station,**  
**located on Coronado Island, CA**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The format for the Golf Tournament will be announced at a later date. Sea 'N Air is a fun, easy course with terrific views of Point Loma and the Pacific Ocean. It is located directly next to the world famous Hotel Del Coronado.

### **Event Cost & Club Rentals:**

#### **Greens fees:**

- ♦ **\$46** with a golf cart for retired military personnel (per person).
- ♦ **\$52** with a golf cart for veterans (per person).
- ♦ **\$59** with a golf cart for civilians (per person).

#### **Club rental fees:**

- ♦ **\$60** for premium rental clubs.
- ♦ **\$18** for standard rental clubs.

**Date:** **October 4, 2023** (Wednesday), 11:00 AM first tee time with other tee times to follow.

**Bus Pickup and Bus Fees:** 10:00 AM but may be earlier; **\$20** per person for the bus ride.

To register for the event, contact Captain **John Gorczyca**, [jsgorczyca@gmail.com](mailto:jsgorczyca@gmail.com).

**Registration deadline is**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.**



**United to Triple SAF Use in 2023, Adds SAF on Flights at San Francisco Airport**  
**May 4, 2023**



United today announced that it will begin using a blend of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) on departing flights from San Francisco International Airport and is planning to use a SAF blend later this year at London Heathrow Airport, which could put the airline on track to use approximately 10 million gallons in 2023, nearly three times more than 2022 and close to 10 times more than 2019.

*“It’s remarkable to see that in just a few years United has exponentially increased its SAF use,” said United Chief Sustainability Officer Lauren Riley. “While 10 million gallons of SAF in 2023 represents a fraction of what we need, we have also made big investments in producers that are using everything from ethanol to algae, to CO<sub>2</sub>, to help increase our available future supply. We believe these investments, along with our continued collaboration with policymakers, cross-industry businesses, and other airlines will help us scale this brand-new industry to achieve comparable success to solar and wind.”*

To date, United has invested in the future production of over five billion gallons of SAF - more than any airline – and as a result of today’s announcement, the carrier will fly more miles in 2023 than any airline. United has used SAF blends at Los Angeles International Airport since 2016 and Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam since 2022 and continues to use SAF at those airports in 2023.

The SAF deliveries commenced at San Francisco Airport in April, with United receiving 1.5 million gallons of SAF for departing flights, the remainder of United’s SAF supply will be used at Los Angeles International Airport and Amsterdam’s Schiphol Airport. London Heathrow Airport is expected to begin receiving deliveries of SAF later in 2023. Once the SAF is delivered to London Heathrow, it will mark the first time United would participate in London Heathrow’s SAF incentive program.

*Eco-Skies Alliance Round 3* ~ The SAF used on United’s flights will be paid for in part through the company’s Eco-Skies Alliance<sup>SM</sup>, an innovative program designed for participating companies to work together to share the “green premium” or the cost associated with purchasing lower emission fuels. Participating in United’s Eco-Skies Alliance provides its corporate customers with the opportunity to build transparency and enable true, certified SAF emissions reductions associated with travel of people or goods on United flights.

United’s Eco-Skies Alliance program was launched in April 2021 and has collectively contributed toward the purchase of nearly 15 million gallons of SAF. With its up to 80% greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions on a lifecycle basis compared to conventional jet fuel, this is enough SAF to reduce approximately 150,000 metric tons of GHG emissions, or enough to fly passengers close to 1 billion miles. Including today’s newly announced participants, the program has 24 participants including: Audi, Bank of America, Cisco, Corporate Travel Management, DB Schenker, First Eagle Investments, Macquarie Group and Thermo Fisher Scientific.

The SAF that United is using today in San Francisco and Amsterdam is provided by Neste. Neste MY SAF is produced from sustainably sourced, 100% renewable waste and residue raw materials, including used cooking oil and animal fat waste. Using Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel reduces greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80% over the fuel’s life cycle, compared to using conventional jet fuel.

In the future, SAF could be made from other feedstocks, including household trash, forest waste, algae or compressed CO<sub>2</sub>. To date, United has invested in the future production of over 5 billion gallons of SAF – more than any airline.

*The Federal Government Recognizes the Value of SAF* ~ The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act includes the largest governmental climate change investments in U.S. history - a new blender’s tax credit specifically for SAF along with other critical incentives for clean energy and carbon capture – that will help spur an increase in SAF infrastructure and supply while lowering costs for SAF consumers.

The U.S. military currently uses nearly five billion gallons of jet fuel annually and the Department of Defense will use a jet fuel blend containing at least 10% SAF by 2028 because of the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act.

And according to the U.S. Department of Energy, the country’s vast feedstock resources are enough to meet the projected SAF demand of the entire U.S. aviation industry.

*United’s Commitment to Net Zero Emissions by 2050* ~ United was the first airline to commit to net zero carbon emissions by 2050, without relying on traditional carbon offsets. In addition to the Eco-Skies Alliance Program, United also established a venture fund – United Airlines Ventures – to identify and invest in

companies and technologies that can decarbonize air travel and from this, recently created the UAV Sustainable Flight Fund<sup>SM</sup>. These strategic investments include carbon capture, hydrogen-electric engines, electric engines,, electric regional aircraft and air taxis. This year, United became the first U.S. airline to show customers an estimate of each flight's carbon footprint in their search.

**United Airlines Announces First-Quarter Financial Results:**  
**Continues to See Strong Demand for Air Travel**  
**April 18, 2023**



United Airlines (UAL) today reported first-quarter 2023 financial results. The company reported a \$256 million pre-tax loss, consistent with expectations provided in March. The company grew total operating revenue by 51.1% compared to first quarter 2022 and total revenue per available seat mile (TRASM) by 22.5%. Cost per available seat mile (CASM) increased 4.0%, while CASM-ex came in at down 0.1%, better than guidance due to strong operational reliability that produced available seat miles (ASMs) 23.4% higher than the first quarter of 2022. The company remains confident in the 2023. United Next adjusted diluted earnings per share target of \$10 to \$12.

*"I am extremely proud of the United team's performance during the first quarter of 2023. Our industry-leading operational performance contributed to an all-time high operating cash flow in the first quarter and keeps us on track to achieve our cost targets for the full year,"* said United Airlines CEO Scott Kirby. *"We are watching the macroeconomic risks carefully, but demand remains strong, especially internationally, where we are growing at twice the domestic rate. We expect all of these factors will keep us on track to achieve our full-year adjusted diluted EPS target."*

**First-Quarter Financial Results:**

- ▲ Net loss of \$194 million, adjusted net loss of \$207 million.
- ▲ Capacity up 23.4% compared to first-quarter 2022.
- ▲ Total operating revenue of \$11.4 billion, up 51.1% compared to first-quarter 2022.
- ▲ TRASM up 22.5% compared to first-quarter 2022.
- ▲ CASM up 4.0%, and CASM-ex down 0.1%, compared to first-quarter 2022.
- ▲ Diluted loss per share of \$0.59, adjusted diluted loss per share of \$0.63.
- ▲ Average fuel price per gallon of \$3.33.
- ▲ Reduced adjusted total debt by \$4.6 billion in the last 12 months.

**Key Highlights:**

- ▲ United reached a tentative agreement with the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAM) for a new, industry-leading contract for our nearly 30,000 IAM-represented employees. Voting is expected to complete in early May.
- ▲ Today announced the largest South Pacific network expansion ever to and from the continental U.S., including the first non-stop flight between San Francisco and Christchurch (subject to government approval). With 66 flights between the United States and Australia/New Zealand every week, United will operate nearly 40% more flights from the United States to Australia and New Zealand next northern winter versus last year.
- ▲ Launched the United Airlines Ventures Sustainable Flight Fund<sup>SM</sup>, a first-of-its-kind investment vehicle designed to support start-ups focused on decarbonizing air travel by accelerating the research, production and technologies associated with sustainable aviation fuel.
- ▲ Opened expanded and newly renovated global Inflight Training Center in Houston, Texas – the \$32 million expansion project more than doubles the available training space and supports the airline's plan to hire and train a total of 15,000 people in 2023, including 4,000 flight attendants.
- ▲ United announced a new industry-leading family seating policy enabled by dynamic seat map technology that makes it easier for children under 12 to sit next to an adult – since launch United enabled almost 50,000 more families to sit with their children.
- ▲ United collaborated with Sesame Workshop to announce Oscar the Grouch as its first Chief Trash Officer as he and the airline celebrate his love of rubbish. United's campaign is designed to promote the expected benefit of using sustainable aviation fuel more broadly.

**Operational Performance:**

- ▲ Achieved the lowest first quarter seat cancel rate (1.09%) since the first quarter of 2012, leading the U.S. industry despite the greater impact of weather on United than any other airline.

- ▲ United flew the most mainline seats 413,000 in company history and most mainline flights 2,300 daily for the quarter.
- ▲ United finished first in on-time departures at O'Hare International Airport, Denver International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport, and George Bush Intercontinental Airport and second in on-time departures out of San Francisco International Airport and Dulles International Airport as well as at our international stations.
- ▲ Net Promoter Score (NPS) performance for clubs and inflight service satisfaction was at an all-time high for the quarter since the launch of the NPS survey in 2020.

#### Network:

- ▲ Through an enhanced cross-border joint business agreement with Air Canada announced industry-leading capacity and new routes between Canada and the U.S. for summer 2023.
- ▲ Launched four new international routes between Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Newark/New York and between Tokyo-Haneda, Japan, and Newark/New York, Los Angeles, and Washington D.C. Reintroduced four international routes not flown since the beginning of the pandemic – service between Tokyo-Narita, Japan and Denver, Osaka, Japan and San Francisco, Hong Kong, and San Francisco, and Managua, Nicaragua, and Houston.
- ▲ Resumed non-stop service between Shanghai and San Francisco, becoming the first U.S. airline to not require a technical stop between the U.S. and Shanghai since November 2020.
- ▲ Increased domestic premium seat capacity 25% versus first quarter 2019.

#### Customer Enhancements:

- ▲ The new United Club<sup>SM</sup> at O'Hare International Airport had a strong debut in January 2023 with stellar customer satisfaction scores.
- ▲ During the first quarter, over 1 million customers used United's "bag drop shortcut" which streamlines the bag-check process and is active at 38 airports.
- ▲ With the opening of the new Terminal A at Newark Liberty International Airport, added 12 gates for its operations and expects to have 17 total gates by the end of 2023.

#### Communities:

- ▲ President Joe Biden announced his intent to appoint United President Brett Hart to the President's Export Council - the principal national advisory committee on international trade.
- ▲ Celebrated the graduation of United Aviate Academy's inaugural class of pilots, an important step towards training the next generation of talented, qualified, and motivated aviators.
- ▲ Announced a \$5 million investment in algae-based fuel producer Viridos to turn microalgae into sustainable aviation fuel through the first new investment of its recently announced United Airlines Ventures Sustainable Flight Fund since its launch.
- ▲ Announced a \$15 million investment by United Airlines Ventures Sustainable Flight Fund (UAV) in carbon capture technology company Svante, that provides materials and technology as part of the value chain that has the potential to convert CO2 removed from the atmosphere and from industrial emission sources into sustainable aviation fuel.
- ▲ United Airlines, Tallgrass, and Green Plains Inc. announced a new joint venture – Blue Blade Energy – to develop and then commercialize a novel sustainable aviation fuel technology that uses ethanol as its feedstock.
- ▲ Nearly 4,000 hours were volunteered by more than 470 employees. More than 8.4 million miles donated by MileagePlus® members to more than 60 non-profit organizations.
- ▲ Launched our Miles on a Mission<sup>SM</sup> campaign to support Turkey and Syria earthquake relief, raising nearly 400,000 miles and \$25,000 for Airlink, American Red Cross, and World Central Kitchen.
- ▲ Nearly 300 employees participated in Martin Luther King Jr. Day parades and volunteer activities across the company's network.
- ▲ Supported Sesame Workshop's Welcome Sesame initiative, delivering critically needed early childhood development opportunities to families affected by conflict and crisis.
- ▲ Led a Black History Month fundraising campaign – alongside Chase and Visa – for our card members, supporting The Thurgood Marshall College Fund, The Leadership Conference Education Fund, The Legal Defense Fund, and The United Negro College Fund.

**United Announces Largest South Pacific Expansion in Aviation History,**  
**Including New Direct Flight to Christchurch, New Zealand**  
**April 18, 2023**



United Airlines today announces the largest South Pacific network expansion ever to and from the continental U.S., including the first non-stop flight between San Francisco and Christchurch set to commence on December 1. United will be the only carrier to directly connect the U.S. and the South Island of New Zealand. With 66 flights between the US and Australia/New Zealand every week, United will operate nearly 40% more flights from the U.S. to Australia and New Zealand next northern winter versus last year.

The carrier is adding new direct flights from Los Angeles to Brisbane and Auckland and increasing service to the region from its San Francisco hub with daily flights to Brisbane, twice daily flights to Sydney and flying larger aircraft to Melbourne. And thanks to United's relationships with Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia, travelers can enjoy easy one-stop connections from these cities to more than 50 destinations in the region.

United already flies to more destinations in Australia and New Zealand than all other U.S. carriers combined, and now will have more flights and serve more destinations in the region from the U.S. than any other carrier in the world. Tickets are now on sale on the airline's mobile app and on [United.com](https://www.united.com) – just in time for customers to plan their trips for the region's peak winter season.

*"This past winter, United enhanced our network and became the largest carrier to the South Pacific region. Now, this upcoming winter, we will expand even further,"* said Patrick Quayle, Senior Vice President of Global Network Planning and Alliances. *"Our strong partnerships with Air New Zealand and Virgin Australia provide unparalleled connectivity, and with our historic expansion across five destinations in New Zealand and Australia, United is the clear choice for customers' travel to the region."*

San Francisco – Christchurch, NZ\* ~ Starting December 1, United will be the only airline to offer direct flights between the U.S. and New Zealand's South Island, with the first direct San Francisco-Christchurch service. United will fly this route three times weekly on a Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner. United's new flight to Christchurch is part of the airline's broader expansion efforts in New Zealand and next winter, the airline will be nearly 70% larger in New Zealand than in 2019.

Los Angeles – Auckland\* ~ Next winter, United will build on its position as the largest U.S. airline to Auckland, adding four weekly flights from Los Angeles. United is the only U.S. carrier to serve Auckland year-round with its existing service from San Francisco. United will fly its Los Angeles-Auckland route on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, starting October 28.

Los Angeles – Brisbane\* ~ In winter 2022, United became the only airline to offer direct flights between Brisbane and San Francisco. On November 29, United will add to this service by adding three weekly Los Angeles-Brisbane flights on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner – becoming the largest carrier between the U.S. and Brisbane.

More Flights to Sydney and Brisbane ~ In addition to adding new flights to its schedule, United will also increase its flying from San Francisco to Brisbane and Sydney. Starting October 28, United will offer daily flights between San Francisco and Brisbane on a Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner and will be able to fly nearly triple the number of customers to Brisbane from the US next winter than it did in 2022. The airline will also fly twice daily between San Francisco and Sydney on Boeing 777-300ERs starting October 28, offering more flights to Sydney from the U.S. than any other carrier.

More Seats to Melbourne ~ This past winter, United became the largest airline from the U.S. to Melbourne, increasing from ten to fourteen weekly roundtrip flights, with one daily flight from both San Francisco and Los Angeles. Starting October 28, United will deploy its largest airplane on flights between San Francisco-Melbourne. The 777-300ER will add nearly 100 daily seats to each departure. Compared to winter 2019, United will offer 65% more seats to Melbourne.

**\*Flights subject to government approval**

## Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter

All articles submitted for publishing in the Newsletter are due in the Denver Office on **the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> are subject to be considered for the next Newsletter.

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*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



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

#### Calendar:

**May 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert.

#### TUCSON ROADRUNNERS

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We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [rpddgarlic41@comcast.net](mailto:rpddgarlic41@comcast.net) or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

## CALIFORNIA

### CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATERS

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Hi to All,

Just a reminder of our Northstaters meeting coming up on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM at Kalico Kitchen in Chico, CA. If you are in the Northern California area, please join us!

Calendar:

**May 24** - Wednesday, 11:30 AM, Kalico Kitchen in Chico.

### CENTRAL COASTERS



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So far, April has been a fresh start of the spring vacation schedule. Our beaches have been taken over by mainly tourists from Fresno and Bakersfield. After Easter, there are still some schools that are on “spring break” and they take advantage of our businesses and recreational areas. The locals know enough to stay away from the beach and wait until school starts again.

Our April meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Quarterdeck restaurant in Arroyo Grande. In attendance were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Bob & Esther Bartlett** and guest **Mike Stadnick, Joan Schaefer, Bob & Marcia Stanger, Nina Powers** and her caregiver Mayra. One of the subjects that was discussed was the UAL Convention, which will now be referred to as the “Reunion”, to be held this year in SAN. No one from our group plans to attend.

A couple of RUAEA Newsletters ago, I mentioned an article from **Barbara Sakely** regarding a stewardess I knew from Capital back in the 1950’s. She sent me an article she wrote plus a picture of her. I was very surprised when I received her letter plus all the news about **Joy Geddes**. Barbara wrote a letter on stationery that had a picture of the Viscount on it. I will add that to the rest of my Capital memorabilia. Those times were before Jets and moving from Midway to O’Hare. I was lucky to be transferred to SFO after the merger with UAL because things changed after that and would never be the same.

It really pays to read the Newsletter from cover to cover. I read about **Joy Geddes** and in the May issue there was an article from **Barbara Drews** in San Diego. She wrote about Eddie Rickenbacker and his experiences. My first airline job was with Eastern Airlines when Capt. Eddie was the president. I was working at Midway when Eddie Rickenbacker came into operations with the crew. He always wanted to be called Capt. Eddie and never Mister. Although the main office was in Miami, FL, I had heard that he would fly around the airline system as much as possible. So when he came into operations and the radio room, he made a point of shaking hands with me. It’s fun recalling such an experience that I will never forget. I heard that when he retired he would bring food for seagulls that he met on a Florida pier several times a week. As he was tossing food to the Seagulls he would say “Thank You” in appreciation for saving him and a crew that landed in the

Pacific Ocean during WW2. It was a Seagull that they were able to catch and eat and use intestines for fish bait. It was great reading about him again and recalling those memories.

Keeping up with the problems the airlines are having with unruly passengers is getting to be an everyday occurrence. Not only U.S. flights, but foreign carriers also. I keep saying this, but I'm glad I worked for the airlines when I did. The changes made by the airlines don't make it enjoyable anymore, but that is my opinion.

Did you ever hear a Flight Attendant make this announcement? "The button over your head with the picture of a light bulb on it turns on your light, the button with the picture of the flight attendant does **not** turn on your flight attendant, so **don't push it!**" I never did!

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

Palm Springs Area

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

We try to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:sabo.thomas@yahoo.com) for details.

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Happy June to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this in early May, the news is full of flood warnings as the heavy winter snow pack begins to melt. Gosh, it seems like we just go from one crazy weather phenomenon to the next! The Shasta Reservoir is now 98% full and only three feet below "full pool level" of 1067 feet. The reservoir will be 100% full in a matter of days.

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. Going forward we will be alternating between The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and coffee included. They also reserve a room for us. We also like Black Bear Diner because it offers a wide selection of both breakfast and lunch choices. However, they don't take reservations and will not hold a long table for us in the back room. So now we now have a plan. The night before our meeting, I email our count to everyone. The first person there puts our name in for our group to reduce the wait time and so far it has worked out well.

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

Our May luncheon was held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Black Bear Diner with 14 members in attendance. For whatever reason, I was numerically impaired and counted couples as one for our RSVP count instead of two. We gave the restaurant a count of 12 and 14 showed up. No problem, we moved chairs closer together and got cozy. Some of us wore patriotic colors in honor of Memorial Day later in the month.

Our regulars in attendance were **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska, Nancy Boyle, Barb Cunningham, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Joe & Margaret McGhee, Carol Parks, Russ Schleske, and Jan Soderstrom.** It was so wonderful to see **Diane Griego**, this was the first meeting she's been able to attend this year. **Russ Schleske** brought a guest, **Gary Chaw.** They worked together as lead mechanics in Oakland.

We missed **Arnold Hansen, Jr.**, and **Joe & Wilma Leather**; we hope Arnold and Wilma are feeling better now. **Russ Kennedy** conducted the raffle and **Joseph McGhee** won the money.

We elected a new slate of officers. **Russ Kennedy** graciously agreed to step up as President, and **Russ Schleske** also agreed to join the board as Vice President. **Jan Soderstrom** will continue as Secretary/Correspondent, and **Rich Bouska** will continue as Treasurer. **Barbara Cunningham** reminded everyone that the Celebration of Life for Tom will be on Friday, May 12 at her home in Pleasanton. We took a show of hands and almost all of us will be able to attend.

*Library tips and recommended reading* ~ First of all, for those of you living in California, did you know that you can get a library card for any library in the state? Also, there is a free service called Link+ which allows library cardholders to borrow materials available from more than 55 academic and public libraries across California. You sign in to Link+ from your regular library account, and you can then request materials from all over the state. They are sent to your local library for pickup.

I have two suggestions for you from my book club's reading list. We are currently reading *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Her 2005 book *March* won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. *Horse*, published in 2022, is her latest novel. To give you an idea of how popular this book is right now, there are 193 people waiting on 28 copies in my county library system. I went into Link+ and I was able to order the book from another library. It arrived in little over a week. *Horse* is based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, the greatest racehorse in American history. A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and another painting handed down several generations to a housekeeper in Harlem, set the scene for this story: Kentucky, 1850. An enslaved groom named Jarret and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. New York City, 1954. Martha Jackson, a gallery owner celebrated for taking risks on edgy contemporary painters, becomes obsessed with a nineteenth-century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance. Washington, DC, 2019. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse—one studying the stallion's bones for clues to his power and endurance, the other uncovering the lost history of the unsung Black horsemen who were critical to his racing success. Source: Barnes and Noble.

The next book my book club is going to read is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot; now a major motion picture starring Oprah Winfrey and Rose Byrne. CNN named it one of the most influential books of the decade. During hand therapy one day, the man sitting next to me raved about this book, which he was reading for his book club. What a lucky break to learn about this book which I can't wait to read: Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine: The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, which are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the atom bomb's effects; helped lead to important advances like in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions. Yet Henrietta Lacks remains virtually unknown, buried in an unmarked grave. Henrietta's family did not learn of her “immortality” until more than twenty years after her death, when scientists investigating HeLa began using her husband and children in research without informed consent. And though the cells had launched a multimillion-dollar industry that sells human biological materials, her family never saw any of the profits. The story of the Lacks family is inextricably connected to the dark history of medical experimentation, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of.

**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 [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. 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. Thanks again to everyone who is helping Barbara with this project. Barb reports that, once again, she has a “trunk-ful” of cards to deliver to the school, thanks to everyone all over the country who is mailing cards to her.

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

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say "Manufacturer's Coupon". If they come in a strip, could you please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs! I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, I turned in 2033 coupons to my coupon chairperson. Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons!

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 5 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from the menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, June 1.
- ▲ Monday, July 3 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at [janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com) or (925) 833-9184 by Thursday, June 29. We will be wearing patriotic colors to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday.
- ▲ Monday, August 7 at 11:00. — Annual Summer Picnic at **Diane Griego's** home. This fun meeting is a catered lunch from Back Forty Texas BBQ and requires an RSVP. The cost and deadline to RSVP will be announced later. The chapter provides water and soft drinks. Members are invited to bring beer or wine if they choose. We enjoy delicious chicken and ribs, potato salad, green salad and baked beans. Dessert is ice cream and a pretty cake decorated with a United theme. If, for some reason, Diane is not able to host this event, we will meet at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord instead.

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

## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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We danced around the May Pole and anticipating sunshine and flowers but had to drag out the Bumpershoot as down came the rain and wind, knocking the flowers off the Spring-like trees. Mother Nature must be still hibernating – Yoo, Hoo, time to wake up and smell the roses. And ... please send the pollen into hibernation! AhChoo ...

**Vera Kina**, our long-time Presidente, still has no solid information regarding the status of our usage of the William Walker Recreation Center. We are continuing our meetings for 2023 with the plans for 2024 gatherings still to be determined. Membership is dwindling and it looks like we will have some big changes coming up as the year progresses. Getting volunteers to run the meetings has been a huge problem and as the Recreation Center is going under construction, we have to make changes. The Center is old and is in dire need of up-dating – the roof leaks, plans are being put before the City, etc., etc., so look for announcements later on this year as to when the building will be replaced and we must move.

The Board has approached The Local SFO IAM Lodge - the Union Hall is located in Burlingame on Rollins Road, to see if we could merge the SFO Golden Gaters into their meetings in 2024. They have graciously agreed to do so. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at 11:00am. Several of our members belong to their group. They have raffles, luncheons, meetings and speakers and it seems like a good fit for our group to join them. This is still in the planning position so stay tuned and we will provide directions, times, events, etc. as the months roll by. Yes, I realize that it is hard to "teach old dogs, new tricks" but we are resilient and look forward to making some new friends. Woof, woof!!

After hurting her toes, **Kathy Cooper** and **Peter Cooper** (just having had cataract surgery) have jumped



into their car and moved to Mesa, Arizona to be close to their son. Their new address is: 10244 E. Trent Ave., Mesa, AZ 85121. An elusive bug got hold of **Jerry Marsala** and laid him low for a while but he is on the mend. Please keep **Janina Pietrzyk** in your thoughts and prayers as she is being helped by Hospice these days. A lovely lady, who spent every month of October in her condo every year at Waikiki and swam an hour each day in the warm waters in front of the Pink Palace and the Banyan Tree at the Moana Hotel. A wonderful woman with an amazing life – always with a smile and laugh to share.

Updates: Sad news - I have just heard from sons, John and Rick, that Janina passed away last week, just shy of her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. She went peacefully - private services are being held. She traveled with us and will be sorely missed. If you would like to send a note to the family, the email address is [jzpietrzyk@gmail.com](mailto:jzpietrzyk@gmail.com). Many of you may remember her husband, **Witold**, who was a 33 year UAL employee inspector in the Turbine Shop. Janinas' father also worked for UAL (about 13 years) and he secured the job for Witold after they immigrated from Poland.

**Carol Slater** has become quite the Mah Jong player and is taking up Ukulele lessons so if you see her in Half Moon Bay on her bike, honk and ask if she is taking up Hula dancing yet. So what are you doing for wild excitement? Yelling the answers to Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune? **Barbara Underhill** is not letting the grass grow under her feet – she is a “quilter” and has donated her quilts to those in need, she volunteers at St. Anthony's, also works at the Voter registration center, helps out at the Millbrae and San Bruno Senior Centers and has wonderful neighbors and kids that send her meals all the time. Let me know if you are doing some interesting things to while away the time – inspire us! There are many organizations looking for helpers so leap out of bed, put on those duds and, who knows, you might find something super to do!

The Travel business is slowly picking up. 2 and 3 day trips are in the offering along with some short day trips being planned. Let **Ginger Dahlberg** know if you have some suggestions where you would like to visit.

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



#### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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All right, my Miners! It finally feels like Spring! My yards are bursting with color from the trees and flower beds with all this fabulous rain we've had. I have really enjoyed an abundance of blooms from the daffodils, paper whites, freesia, wisteria – and we also have plenty of weeds! Can't say I enjoy those, but Mother Nature isn't choosy! One drawback – these minutes are a bit later than I had planned. Being a “Baby Boomer”, I spent lots of time outside as a child and (sub) adult so I just didn't seem to be able to resist the draw to go out and soak up all that sunshine – even if the excuse I used was to pull those weeds!

Earlier this month we gathered at The Forester (in Camino); **Diana Bell** and **Duncan Nielsen** organized this luncheon for us. **Rudy Blazius** made sure they knew that we all appreciated them and their efforts with a big “Thank You”! We have a couple anniversaries this month – **Bill & Jane Gibson** celebrate 55 years together and **Roy & Dawn Martin** also have a special day to celebrate. Happy Anniversary! Now, birthdays were claimed by 4 of our members (in attendance). Happy Birthday to **Ed Akin**, **Sherrie Wolfram**, **Roy Martin**, **Jane Gibson** and anyone else who we missed. We congratulated **Gina Kenworthy** who welcomed a new grandson yesterday.

*President ~* **Rudy Blazius**, always on the lookout for information that we might enjoy/need, had a couple items for us. Did you know that 92 years ago (on March 28) United Airlines began life as a management corporation to coordinate United Aircraft and Transport Corps (UATC) airline subsidiaries. While United Airlines' history began in 1931, the airline can trace its roots back to 1926 when Walter T. Varney started a mail service between Pasco, WA, Boise, ID and Elko, NV. Later the same year, Pacific Air Transport (PAT) began flying mail between Seattle and Los Angeles. The next cog in the wheel of United Airlines began turning in the summer of 1927 when Boeing Air Transport (BAT) offered passenger flights between Chicago and San Francisco. BAT expanded its passenger service further in September 1927 by offering flights from New York to Chicago. The new service became the first transcontinental route enabling passengers to fly from New York on

the East Coast to San Francisco on the West Coast with a change of plane in Chicago. Wow! Look at their schedule now!

Also a bit of trivia: During the spring break travel period, March 10 – April 23, UAL operates an average of more than 4,000 daily flights and flies nearly 21 million customers! - more than a 15% increase from 2019. I'm here to tell you, going standby during this time frame is more than just a challenge!

*Vice President ~ J.R. Heier* wanted to be sure that we all knew about some of the table decorations that **Irv Wolfram** makes from wood; these really great flowers – shaped like a tulip – Irv paints and sets them up in a stand that he also makes. They're really pretty and will last a very long time! Thank You, Irv.

*Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny* keeps a good record of our monies for us. He has not been able to get our more recent funds deposited, so our bank balance remained the same, but will increase once he is able to get to the bank. **Bill Gibson** was out for a walk, lo and behold there was a garage sale going on and there were lots of tools and tool boxes! Being the shy type, Bill started chatting with the fellow in charge, told him about our tool collection project for the A & P Mechanic program at Sacramento City College, and this generous man donated a huge number of tools and boxes! Seems his father was a mechanic but he was not – and was happy to have the write-off. Tom and **Jane Gibson** will be going over our by-laws and making sure that it is updated. We have passed several changes and we want to make sure they are entered.

*Secretary ~ Jane Gibson* didn't have anything to report – except for the info above!

*Sunshine ~ Suzanne Kenny* reported that she sent a condolence card to **Roberta Ouchi**. **Dan** was quite a character and he will be missed by his family and friends. Our thoughts are with you, Roberta.

*Old Business ~ Rudy* invited our RUAEA Regional Director, **Dave Garland**, to update us on the Annual Convention which will be held at The Dana in San Diego again this year. The hotel is quite lovely and there are several activities in the planning stage. Mark your calendars for September 29 – October 4. This year, RUAEA has joined forces with RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association) and with Continental's retiree group (ARECA). Dave also encourages you to join RUAEA if you haven't already done so. They really are a great group who work to be sure that you, as retirees, know what's going on, changes that are made, things to keep up on. The annual subscription is \$30, which gives you a monthly magazine (which is beautifully done). You can go to [Ruaea.org](http://Ruaea.org) on the internet for more info.

Next we are reminded that there will be the annual Retired United Mechanics Reunion in October – 3, 4, 5 to be exact. Wednesday, October 4 will be the barbecue. Folks bring things to go with the hamburgers and hot dogs. Good desserts too! This will be held in Minden, NV at the Carson Valley Inn. I'm sending out info separately so if you haven't received it yet, let me know. Rudy tossed out for our own info that there's a Basque restaurant in Minden with wonderful food – put it on your list!

Rudy wanted to follow thru with the \$200 that were voted to be sent to the fundraiser that Ann Marie was participating in last month. There was some difficulty with how to get the check to the organization, but I believe its been figured out now. Ann Marie said she didn't quite get to her goal, but she is pleased with the response.

As Rudy brought our meeting to a close, he shared these little ditties with us:

- ☺ A sign in a shoe repair store in Vancouver Reads: "We will heel you; we will save your sole, we will even dye for you."
- ☺ A sign on a blinds and curtain truck: "Blind man driving."
- ☺ Sign over a Gynecologist's office: "Dr. Jones, at your cervix."
- ☺ On a septic tank truck: "Yesterday's meals on wheels."
- ☺ At an Optometrist's office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."
- ☺ On a plumber's truck: "We repair what your husband fixed."

Moving right along to our raffle, **Peggy Trebnik** won the donator's prize. Thank you for all the great items brought for our raffle: **Heier** – kitchen towels; **Bell/Nielsen** – bunny pitcher/vase and table decorations; **Trebnik** - candle & kitchen utensils; **Kenny** – wine; **Blazius** - "Dreamsicle" decorations; **Martin** – coffee mug & goodies; **Garland** – margarita mix; **Ann Marie** – cup/basket; **Akin** – eggs; **Gibson** – solar light; **Wolfram** – wooden decorations.

Our May luncheon will be at Casa Los Abuelos in Placerville.



## RESANS

San Diego, CA

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Our annual Spring Fling is taking place on May 12<sup>th</sup>, after this newsletter is due so I will have a full report for you in the July Newsletter. We are meeting at the Tequila Factory in Old Town and it is a favorite place of ours to have a great Mexican Buffet. We are expecting a good turnout as everyone has such a good time.

It has been pretty quiet here as the colder weather and the rain have slowed some of us down or are out cruising to warmer destinations.

Speaking of reading, I read on **Dale Harper's** daily news that Oscar Munoz has just published a book. The next day I went to Barnes & Noble; they had just received it and were nice enough to go in the back room and unpack the box so I was probably their first customer to purchase Oscar's book in the store. As I was checking out they told me I had a Birthday discount coupon which I used on the book purchase. This is a winner all the way around ... and the book is great! I highly recommend it ...

We have no June Birthdays.

### Calendar:

Spring/Summer Lunch - Time and location to be announced sometime in May.

**June 1** - Breakfast 10:00AM, Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. If you will be in San Diego, please join us. Check with me for time. We do need to submit a head count for their staffing.

**September 29 - October 4** - Retiree Reunion (Convention) at the Dana Inn. See the info in this issue, for all the information you have all been looking forward to. Hope to see you in September at the Dana.

## SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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## SACRAMENTO



April 26<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful spring day. Yes, spring finally showed up in the Sacramento Area. The prior month had been unseasonably cool but the weather finally changed. Twenty two Gold Diggers showed up at the Golden Koi Buffet in Roseville. It was all you can eat with a huge variety of items. **Angie & Frank Dellinger** had made the arrangements. It appeared that everyone enjoyed themselves with the food varieties and the many dessert items along with scooped or soft serve ice cream.

President **Jim Simon** called us to order for a short meeting. VP **Barbara Bertacini** advised that the May lunch/meeting will be a BJ's in Roseville on the last day on May, Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup>. Any of you retirees out there are welcome to come and join us, just let us know a few days before. If anyone is interested we still have June, July, August and October open for hosting. Secretary **Ron Bertacini** reported that he showed only one wedding anniversary for April; **Laverne & Len Haubl** celebrated 65 years. Fabulous! Treasurer **Robin Garland** said we are solvent as a chapter and that she was able to get the bank to waive service charges. Robin is working on the chapter roster and reported that we currently have 43 members. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** said she had nothing to report which is always good to hear. RUAEA Regional Director **Dave Garland** said the Reunion in San Diego with RUPA and ARECA is all set and that the Reunion Package will be in the June Newsletter with all the details with tour choices as well and meal choices for the Banquet. Dave advised if you are thinking of attending, please make your hotel reservation as soon as you can. **Ron Bertacini** added that RUAEA's Denver office is working on a project so attendees will be able to use a credit card when booking tours and meals for the Reunion. The system is being tested and should be ready when the June Newsletter comes out.

There were three birthdays in April so the roll-off for some extra dollars was between **Pat Guinn, Frank Dellinger** and **Sherrie Wolfram** with Sherrie being the winner. Jim covered a few items about April 26<sup>th</sup> in history: 1928 Pedro Flores, a Filipino immigrant to the US opened the Yo-Yo manufacturing company in Santa

Barbara, CA. 1954, the new polio vaccine was administered for the first time in the nation-wide polio vaccine test. 1986, Ukraine Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster, an explosion and fire at the No. 4 reactor at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Ukraine resulted in a nuclear meltdown sending radioactivity into the atmosphere. Also in 1986, Arnold Schwarzenegger married Maria Shriver ... they divorced in 2011. In 2013, singer George Jones dies at the age of 81 (one of Jim's favorites).

We ended with our usual raffle of some nice donated items from the members including some spring flower decorations provided by the **Dellingers**.



### **SAN JOAQUINERS**

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There is no report this month from the San Joaquiners Chapter of RUAEA.

If anyone is interested in information about our Chapter, please contact our President, **Bob Scoble**, (209) 626-5308 and he will be happy to give you any information. New members are always welcome to join our friendly group of UAL Retirees.

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Our May meeting was held indoors at the Bill of Fare, which we were thankful the owner allowed us, as the weather was not as nice as we had hoped it would be at this time of year. Twelve members were in attendance, but it would have been nicer to have a larger group.

Birthdays for this month included; **Maria Boone; Donna Stafford; Cheri Scales; Ken Demblewski; Margie Klaus and Julie Midwin**. Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries for this month; **Lou & Jean Marcolina and Ted & Maria Boone**.

Our summer picnic, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Vasona, has changed somewhat. In an effort to accommodate all our members, we have decided not to have the event catered and now are inviting members to bring their own food. We had reserved the covered pavilion area last December and unfortunately cannot change the location. The fee is just \$10.00 per person, contact **Hiroko** (it's not too late) if you plan to attend. We will have charcoal if you want to use the BBQ grill. Hope to see you there!

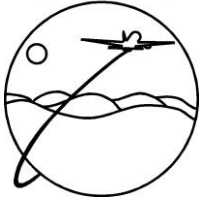
We have begun to think about a Christmas get-together. If you know of a place we can consider, please let Chuck know. We need to secure reservations sooner than later.

Our first chapter outing is planned for May 10 and a good number of members have signed up. The weather looks like it will be nice for the visit. At any rate it will be great just to get out and about. Also this month, we are getting together for the first Safari Walk at the Happy Hollow Zoo at Kelly Park. The zoo has a walk scheduled each month; June 22; July 27; August 24; September 28 and October 26. It's free (parking and entrance) for seniors between 9am & 10am. It's a nice pace to walk around and you can order food for purchase or bring a picnic and enjoy the outside seating areas.

June 5<sup>th</sup> will be our meeting at the Bill of Fare beginning at 1000. Please join us for breakfast or lunch. See you there.



SOLANO FLYERS



### **SOLANO FLYERS**

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The Officers who attended this month's meeting are President **Larry Jackson** and Treasurer **Jo Anne Blizzard**. A total of 8 members were in attendance.

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

There were miscellaneous items given during the drawing that went to Padrick, Gene and Joanne.

Our next meeting will be on May 17, at Cypress Lakes.

## **COLORADO**

### **DENVER MILE HIGHERS**

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President **Don Burbank** opened meeting with the Pledge to the flag. The 2023 Reunion is all set up; the Reunion Package is published in this Newsletter, it is also available online at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). This year, you have the convenient option of registering for the Reunion online and pay for everything with your credit card. The room reservation must be made through the hotel itself.

**Ray Shoults** has a May birthday and Ray & Helen will be married 66 years in June.

Our 50/50 winners were **Gene Sibley** and **Yumi Trujillo**.

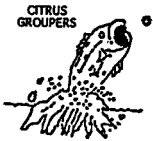
Our next meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Ted's Place in Commerce City; come and enjoy the fellowship with fellow retirees and families. Hope to see you all there!

## **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](mailto:wopahofl@comcast.net) or **Rich Capozzi** at [rcapozzi@rocketmail.com](mailto:rcapozzi@rocketmail.com).



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Our April 11<sup>th</sup> picnic happened too late for the newsletter, but suffice it to say, that good food and a good time was had by all! I always add the names of the picknickers to the minutes, so here ya go! We welcomed, in no particular order, all these Real McCoy's: **Retta Finn, Patty Clark, Linda Agnello, Bob Olson, Maureen**

**Sterinsky, Laurie Bork, Connie Lenard, Joe & Barb Fitak, Stan & Barb Halterman, Ted & Charlotte LeGrand, Ted LeGrand III, Mack Chandler, Dan Raciak, Richard Vinson, Bob Alonzo & his son, Dan, Dee Francis, Ernie & Cheryl Vosges, Richard & Cathy Benson, Lois & Al Fields, Tom Cannata and me!**

Connie reported that we had a good group at Del Webb in Davenport for **John Wiseman** on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Many of his Ramp buddies – **Mack Chandler, Bob Duszynski, Eric Dodson**, to name just a few, attended a nice Celebration of Life for him. Char reported that the Real McCoys donated \$50 to the American Cancer Society in honor of John.

We learned of **Rafael Vidal**'s passing in April but we have no details.

Our May meeting was well attended ... but the picnic is always better! Think it's that great outdoors-thing!

We welcomed back **Julia & Angel Montalvo** and **Joanne & Al Mollet** to our Denny's luncheon! Lookin' good folks!

Our "Getting to Know You" guy today is **Richard Benson**. He began his career 10/66 in ORD. Met wife, **Cathy**, on a blind date and the rest? Well, the Bensons bounced around ... ORD, OMA, DEN, MKE, ORD & MCO (with 5 kids here and there?!!) and retired in 2010 from MCO, with 43 years with UAL. Wow!

Richard & Cathy will be married 56 years on May 20<sup>th</sup> and are celebrating with a family party! Huge Congrats!

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There is not much exciting things going on here in South West Florida. We had very small attendance as we go into the summer months. Our last meeting for this season is on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and it will be held at LYNQ Restaurant located in South Fort Myers.

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

Have a great summer.

Calendar:

**October 6** – Luncheon

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Our May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was attended by 6 members. Celebrating birthday this month is Kevin; celebrating anniversary are Frank & Helen with 52 years on May 8. Congratulations! That's our good news for this month.

We lost one of our retiree members, **Peggy Manual** on April 18<sup>th</sup>; Peggy's Memorial Service was held on April 28 in New Port Richey and attended by many of our chapter members. Her husband, **Les Manual**, worked for UAL and Peggy put in a couple of years in Chicago. We will miss Peggy; every picnic we had she

would bring her Furbaby. She is at Peace!

We discussed UAL and socialized with all in attendance; then we had our brunch/lunch.

We wished everyone Happy Mother's Day and sent our thoughts for Memorial Day.

Calendar:

**June 5** – IHOP - 10:30, we will discuss the July 3 meeting.

**July 3** – IHOP - 10:30

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

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

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

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

**IDAHO**

**BOISE GEMS**

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On April 17, the following Boise Gems celebrated our Spring luncheon at Ling and Louie's Restaurant in Meridian, Idaho: **Lois Rodriguez, Joe Sweeley and Pam Ortali, David & Carol Adams, Shirley Perkins** and Shirley's daughter **Donna Blake, Pat Peters, Joe & Joan Varady, and Rick & Shirley Dempsey.**

It was wonderful to see everyone again. Rick announced our next meeting will be around the end of June or early July.

Wishing all Moms a Happy Mother's Day on May 14!

## ILLINOIS

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June—The month of brides and the beginning of Summer. It was named after Juno, goddess of marriage and childbirth, also of young people, after the Roman word, Juvenis. We also celebrate Oceans Month, PTSD month, ALS Awareness Month, Great Outdoors Month, LGBTQ Awareness and Pride Month, Caribbean American Heritage Month, and African-American Music Appreciation Month. We honor our Fathers on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>, wave it high! June 4<sup>th</sup> is Hug your Cat Day, had to get that in here. June 6<sup>th</sup> is WW2 D-Day's 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, thanks soldiers! First day of summer, the 21<sup>st</sup>, with the longest daylight this year, only one day, then we go shorter for winter hours again, all that anticipation, and only one day! Ha! The Strawberry Moon is on the 13<sup>th</sup>, named for the strawberry harvesting season, not for the color of the moon. No, it won't be pink, it's the Algonquin Indians time for picking the berries. It will be the shortest distance to the Earth in its orbit, making it a Super moon, only 222,238.4 miles from us, but still not close enough to reach it. The next Super moons will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>, remember that, I'll ask for a review later. Juneteenth the 19<sup>th</sup>, is Freedom day, when General Gordon Granger read the Emancipation Proclamation in Galveston, TX, in 1865, effectively liberating enslaved people in the state. The rose and honeysuckle are the month's flowers. The pearl and alexandrite are the two birthstones. It sounds like a fun and sunny month, enjoy!

Anybody watch Great Britain's Coronation? Whatever our personal thoughts are, they sure do know how to throw a party. Old Charles waited long enough, didn't he? Most of us only knew his mom and her dad. A whole new regime, well, good luck, and as Winston Churchill said, 'There will always be an England'. We fought hard enough to get away from them, didn't we? Funny how that worked out.

June is also filled with graduations. Do you remember yours? How many kids graduated with you? I had 200 in my class, all brilliant and beautiful, sure, right! No funny stuff, all behaved, those nuns would have killed us. They gave us rules weeks in advance, white shoes, nylons, no crazy hair or makeup, nice straight dresses, no crinolines, no strapless, must look like young ladies. Sure enough Sue P showed up in the fullest skirt with two fluffy crinolines. They let her keep them on but she got a really dirty looks and the three girls around her had to make more space between them. Have you attended your little ones graduations from preschool, kindergarten or eighth grade? Those sweet babies are so cute at that age. How about that boyfriend/girlfriend that you were so madly in love with? Did you marry them, dump them, or just drift apart. That happens when you go to different colleges, pretty soon it's, 'Whatever happened to Bill or Barb?' You hear that the mousiest, quietest girl married the sports jock. How did that happen? One girl got married the first Saturday after getting her diploma, and three weeks later had a big nine-pound baby. Now, how did that happen? I thought it took nine months! Ah, those innocent years. Yes, a different time, for sure. Well, I hope you have fun with your graduate whether they be four, or 24 with a doctorate degree. We will encourage them at every turn of their life and trials coming around. Should we try to warn them of all the crap and surprises that will come their way? Nah, they wouldn't believe us, we didn't listen, did we? Just have our shoulders ready for the tears and hugs. Heck, even we get surprises every day. No age limit on learning new things. I learn something new everyday about getting older.

The Northside breakfast met with a lot of people. **Charley Lewis, Vicki Heuer, Judith Reed, Marge Stamm, Cesar & Elena Guerra, Dave Dunham, Margaret Longo, Kathy Cufar, Joan Teister, Jerry Tipperreiter**, newbie Captain **Walt Fink**, and long time no see, **George & Bonnie Richter**; so good to have big numbers again. Joan had a chance to walk around the table and say goodbye to everybody. She and her husband, Joe, have moved to Tennessee, to be closer to their daughter. We're sure going to miss them, she was very helpful to me as my Vice President of the Skyliners Club. If anybody would like to fill her vacancy, or any Board seat, let me know. We're always looking for good volunteers.



Speaking about the Skyliners, I have news, we're going to have a Summer Luncheon, Hawaiian Style, on Monday, June 19, at the Belvedere, in Elk Grove, on Devon Avenue, complete with hula girls and music. The Mainliner Club will also be there selling their shirts, hats and various other items. Some of the final plans are not complete at this writing, but you probably received your email/paper invitation by now. It has all the particulars about meal choices and prices. I'm sure you heard that the Avalon has been sold to the city of Elk Grove, demolished, and will be a large warehouse very soon, or be a part of the West entrance to the airport. I've heard both ideas, I'm sure the Village will release an ambiguous statement very soon. That whole six-corners area has been purchased and knocked down. I snuffle and catch my breath a little every time I pass. How ironic, the old EXO is about a mile directly northeast of the Avalon. That's completely gone, too. I still can't drive past. We had wonderful parties at the Avalon, all artfully planned by **Virginia Monaco**, many delicious meals and great moments of seeing old co-workers. Some have gone to that Great Hangar in the Sky, but we'll never forget them. Sorry I digress, but I get a little emotional when I think of EXO, where, I think, I really grew up, learned responsibility, organizational skills and a lot about life, in general. It was a great place to meet new adult friends. **Sonia Derr, Mary Smith, Marcela Molitor, Duane Vincent, Marion Weichman, Helen Piarowski, Jane Stringham, Virginia Stratton, Christine Zielinski, Jack Gaughan, Bill Carson, Fred Trelfa**, and of course, **Sexy Rexy Bruno**. Any of those names sound familiar? Truthfully, they are all gone, but I learned how and whom to help, whom to trust, and whom to share secrets with. Little girl from a small town, I knew nuthin' about life! I sure did after a few years. You too?

Good news about my **Marge Caliendo** mistake. I had a few calls and emails from her old friends saying they were so happy to hear of my error. They asked for her phone number and planned on calling her. Well, that goof turned out much better than expected. Long live my Marge!

Aircraft Maintenance mechanics met with 15 attendees. **Frank Wenig, Jim Kraft, Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Bill Durr, Boris Spitz, Fred Seibert, Walt Chornomaz, Ron Geibel, Cas Paprocki, Don Kramlich, Jim Vitte, Paul Skrudlund, Dick Hoppel** and me. **Rich Protsman** wasn't there since his wife died that week. With the weather getting better, more people are coming out. Come join us!

The Maintenance Foremen breakfast had two Newbies! **John Schnittker**, Operations Manager Extraordinaire, and **Jim Glass**, so nice to see them finally show up! Also, **Glenn Hill, Bob Smietanski, Roy Johnson, Stan Chmieliwicz, Bart & Sue Kendall, Tom Abraham, Jackie Anderson, Ann Pepper** and **Jan Gawenda**. What a large and fun group. John is still fixing airplanes, Glenn is still flying them. Tom, Ann, Jackie and I moved, and Roy was able to join us again.

The IAM 1487 had a festive Cinco de Mayo meeting in May with a whopping 102 people. We had a delicious catered meal, played Pin the Tail on the Donkey, and **LB Neal** broke open the Piñata, spilling lots of good candy for many. **Roger Senirus**, from the Ramp, received his 25 year watch from the Union, congrats. **Marlene Anderson** was there with her beautiful sombrero. She's been absent for a few months because of illness and the death of her husband, **Marvin**, plus she moved, too. It's been a rough 2023 for her so far, so sad, since she's such a kind person. Also **Dave Roderick**, our President, brought his new four-legged 'son', Georgie, complete with a Mexican shawl to boot! Everybody carried him around, hope Georgie figures out how to walk! Next month, the meeting is on June 1, and will be a Brown Bag Bingo lunch. That means, bring your own food. July 6 will be Pizza Day, be sure to prepay at the June meeting.

Our fellow workers that Flew West in May included **Kathy Brunig**, from the Credit Union and The Benefit Service Center, **Mari Ekstrom-Roy**, CHIRR, **Peg Nichols**, wife of **Pete Nichols**, ORDMM supervisor, **Hilde Protsman**, wife of ORDMM mechanic, **Richard Protsman**, and another good guy, **Nelson 'Mac' McRoberts**, ORDMM, and **Bob Treasure**, PHXMM/ORDMM.

Also gone from our world are actors Michael Lerner (Barton Fink), Elizabeth Hubbard (Guiding Light), musicians Lasse Wellander (Abba), Ahmad Jamal (Jazz pianist), Otis Redding III, Tim Bachman (Bachman, Turner, Overdrive), Ernie Barrett, BOS basketball star, Jerry Springer (TV Host), Newton Minow, from the FCC, astronaut, Sam Durrance, singers, April Stevens (Deep Purple), Gordon Lightfoot, and the one and only Harry Belafonte, actor, singer, civil rights activist and very popular guy in the 60's, Day-o, that's all you have to say and we know who it is.

As Scotty the Squirrel would say, you're not old as long as you remember where your nuts are.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott Sts., Elk Grove, **(June 8)** second Thursday of the month (Note: New Address)

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, **(June 1)** 11:00AM. First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. **(June 15)**. Third Thursday.

## INDIANA



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I was unable to attend the April chapter meeting and have no news to report. Our next meeting will be May 9<sup>th</sup> when I hope to nail down plans for chapter members to attend a local Indianapolis Minor League Baseball game.

The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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Our future meetings schedule:

- **June 13** at Emmy's
- **July 11** at Emmy's
- **August 8** at Emmy's

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Twenty two of us enjoyed a luncheon at the Golden Corral hosted by **Shirley & Ev Payton**. The food was good and plentiful since it is a buffet. The winners of the 50/50 were **Bill Anderson** and **Andy Vassios**; each received \$13.

A discussion determined that we would like to meet monthly through the summer. Next meeting will be June 6<sup>th</sup>, again at the Golden Corral at 6006 N. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.

We have dealt with so much wind, we are all looking forward to some sunshine and non-windy days.

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

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



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There were 8 members at our April 10 meeting at the Black Bear Diner. Now that the weather seems to be changing a bit, we hope to see a few more members in the coming months able to attend our meetings. **Barbara & Larry Leusing** were on a Princess cruise to Alaska, so we hope to hear all about that next month.

An April birthday was celebrated by **Linda Borchers**. The 50/50 winner was **Teresa Rhine**. Teresa had also brought some flyers for a benefit being hosted by the Blue Star Mothers, an organization that works with military members and families to provide support.

We heard from **Donna Reid** and they are both back in Lake Tahoe and doing OK.

Easter cookies were shared by all.

Our next meeting will be on May 8 at 11:00 am at the Black Bear Diner. See you there.

## NEW JERSEY

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We opened our meeting with a flag salute, led by Chapter President **Frank Warzocha**. Fortunately, this month we didn't have to acknowledge any passing.

**Frank Kokaska** talked about the negotiations that were winding up with all the workers. He also gave an update as what was happening at EWR; as always, it's good to get first hand knowledge.

Speaking for myself **Marty Etler**, I reached the age of 94 on April 24, all our members stood up and sang Happy Birthday. At my age, nothing could be better. I started working for United at Newark on March 23, 1953, and retired on May 1, 1991. All I can say is that it was a great journey; from the people that I have met and their company that I enjoyed, to the lasting friendships that will stay long in my memory. Everybody comes to that proverbial fork in the road, and spend a lifetime wondering whether they took the right path, I know I did.

Our 50/50 was won by **Frank Worzocha**. Our next meeting will be on May 31, 2023 at 12 PM at the Stagecoach Inn, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

From the great prophet Leroy: *"With all the things we say and do, is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build and strengthen fellowship, will it be beneficial to all?"*

## 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.

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NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

How times flies, we were meeting friends again at the Davenport Press on May 3. Before starting our meal, **Ed Pozzi** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a happy note, **Kathryn Richardson** came with 2 of her friends; this was the first time we saw her since the passing of her husband **Jim (Jimbo)**.

Happy Birthday to **Claire Wilsdorf** and **Donna Feingold**!

Celebrating anniversaries in May were **Ona & Jason Weiner**, **Madeline & John Klos**, **Eileen & Stan Blonairz**, **Evelyn & Michael Schroeder**, **Emma & Nunzio Milazzo**, and **Mary & John Green**. Congratulations to all!

50/50 winners were **Kathryn Richardson**, **Donna Feingold**, and **Suzanne Lagasi**.

Happy Mother's Day to all!



## OHIO

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We had our May meeting at a new place, Ruma's Restaurant & Party Center, with 35 in attendance. Boy, talk about good food, and the service was fantastic. They even gave what little food remained to members in need (somewhat handicapped). They were constantly checking to make sure that everything was not just good, but "great". In case you are wondering, the answer is "Yes"! We will be going back to Ruma's next year, and maybe even "twice".

Just 5 years ago our attendance was 65 to 70, but with age this is what we all must deal with. We have many members unable to attend, due to illness or unable to drive. But fortunately, there are others that offer to give them a ride. We also have a few members going into Assisted Living. But there again, they have friends / chapter members that will bring them to our luncheons/meetings. What a great group we have, a "caring" group of members.

Concerns were raised about the lack of memberships and attendance at the meetings because some restaurants require a minimum of (about 30). Another problem is the cost, which has been going up. But, as you know, we are not the only chapter with these problems.

We found a few new restaurants that are glad to have us, and the price is reasonable. So far, the members that have attended the new restaurants have been pleased with the service and menu choices, and said they are willing to go back again. And "Ruma's" was just added to that list.

We would like to thank all our members who assist in hosting/collecting the payments for our lunches. Also, those involved in picking out the restaurants, menus, agreeing on a fair price, finding new restaurants, and checking it out. It consumes a lot of time to visit the restaurants, talking with them about all the details, from start to finish; and seeing it all through to the end.

We have been trying to get all members to participate in our "ICE" program. "In Case of Emergence": We have requested all members to give a family member or good friend the phone number to call when they are very sick or pass away. We are not just a "club", we care about our members. This is part of that.

"Please remember Prayers for healing, strength, and comfort for "Members and Family"

We're working on a few changes in policy, hoping to announce soon.

#### Calendar:

Our calendar is full for the rest of 2023. We'll be working on 2024.

**June 7** – Diamond Event Center

**July 5** – Shale Creek Golf Club

**August 2** – Picnic at The Chalet in MetroParks

**September 6** – Creekside Restaurant

**October 4** – Mahle's Restaurant and Lounge

**November 1** – Shale Creek Golf Club

**December 6** – Diamond Event Center

## OREGON

### OREGON DEW-ER'S

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We had lots of great conversations and laughter at our April luncheon. It was hard to interrupt that when it was time to start our meeting. Once again, the food was delicious. It will be ever so exciting when more

members join us.

No more news for this month so enjoy a bit of humor, with a little philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ I did not sleep well last night so I made my coffee this morning with Red Bull instead of water. I got half way to the store before I realized I forgot my car.
- ☺ When I'm getting something at the store, I always grab the one behind it because I think there's something wrong with the one in front.
- ☺ Every single day, I somehow manage to wake up with a sense of wonder. Mostly, I wonder where the heck my coffee is and why I'm up at this hour!
- ☺ We all have a past. We all made choices that maybe were not the best ones. None of us are completely innocent, but we get a fresh start every day to be a better person than we were yesterday.
- ☺ You think that I'm just drinking coffee, but it should probably be considered crime prevention. Trust me.
- ☺ Now for a little pun so get ready for it: Coffee is the silent victim in our house. It gets mugged every day (my apologies, I just couldn't resist).
- ☺ I changed my alarm clock alert to hand clapping sounds, so I can get the recognition I deserve when I need to get up at 6AM.
- ☺ 7.5 billion people on earth and somehow I'm the best driver.
- ☺ I don't always jump out of bed like a ninja in the middle of the night but when I do it's because my dog is about to throw up on the carpet.
- ☺ I hate it when I'm singing a song and the artist gets the words wrong.
- ☺ Taking naps sounds so childish. I prefer to call them Horizontal Life Pauses.
- ☺ If you throw your hands up in the air like you just don't care, make sure you put your coffee cup down first. Please do not ask me how I know this!
- ☺ Note to self: Do not get on the trampoline without a bra on.
- ☺ Life is like a straw ... You can either suck the fun out of everything you do or just relax and blow some bubbles. Choose wisely.
- ☺ The trick is to not let people know how really weird you are until it's too late for them to back out.
- ☺ My husband asked if he had any annoying habits and then got all offended during the PowerPoint presentation.
- ☺ Hydration tip: Drinking 1 gallon of water a day helps you avoid other people's drama because you are too busy peeing. Stay hydrated my friends!
- ☺ Not only did I fall off the diet wagon, I dragged it into the woods, set it on fire and used the insurance money to buy cupcakes.
- ☺ Age 12: Fell off the bike at high velocity onto the gravel road, biked 5 miles home. Age 70: Used wrong pillow, back was nonfunctional for two days.
- ☺ I need some advice. Not about anything in particular. Give me random advice.
- ☺ I just want my house clean enough so that if someone drops by unexpectedly it doesn't look like we are six days into battling a poltergeist.
- ☺ Welcome to my mind ... Please fasten your seat belt and keep your arms and legs in at all times. Don't feed the animals, drink the water, or talk to the voices. Enjoy the ride!
- ☺ The police pulled me over and asked me "You know how fast you were going?" I said, "Obviously not fast enough because you caught me."
- ☺ Every time I lose some weight, I find it again right in the refrigerator.
- ☺ I went for a run but came back two minutes later because I forgot something. I forgot that I'm out of shape and can't run for more than two minutes.
- ☺ I did finally find a diet plan that works. It's called "The Price of Food".
- ☺ A body like this does not happen overnight. It takes pregnancies, neglect, insomnia, ice cream, wine, a few extra pieces of pizza here and there, and a fair number of cookies.
- ☺ I'm done aspiring to the hourglass figure. Now I'm going for your basic clock.
- ☺ Just because I know I could get a lot more done if I didn't read as much does not mean I have any intention of trying it.
- ☺ I'm just going to put an "out of order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.
- ☺ Husband: Honey, I broke a glass in the kitchen. Wife: I'm coming with the broom. Husband: It isn't urgent. You can come on foot ... we are still married.
- ☺ If we are ever in a "don't laugh" situation ... do not look over at me!
- ☺ Sometimes I just have to let God fix it because if I fix it, I'm going to jail.

- ☺ Every once in a while someone amazing comes into your life ... and here I am. You're welcome.
- ☺ Experts: A serving size of chips is 10 chips. Actual humans: I eat 10 chips while standing in the pantry with the bag open, trying to decide if I want to eat chips.
- ☺ If it's the thought that counts, then I should probably be in jail.
- ☺ I thought that the dryer was making my clothes shrink ... turns out it was the refrigerator.
- ☺ I am in shock! I just learned that "LOL" does not mean "Low On Liquor".
- ☺ I made it from my bed to the coffee pot ... there's no stopping my now!
- ☺ Sometimes I think, "Maybe I won't drink coffee today". And then I laugh and laugh, because it's good to tell yourself funny jokes.
- ☺ If your husband leaves his clothes on the floor it means he doesn't want them. It's okay to throw them in the trash. I'll be back next month with more marriage tips and advice.

#### Calendar:

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

**June 8** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.

### PENNSYLVANIA

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Our April meeting was our first get-together for 2023. Our President **Joe Bradley** opened with a greeting to all and the song "God Bless America".

Everyone enjoyed seeing each other after the long break. Our meeting is not until the second Monday of the month, so we're always behind in reporting to the RUAEA Newsletter. We enjoyed a nice meal at the Clarion Hotel.

*May Birthdays ~ Les Brown, Maribeth Buchanan, Kurt Kissinger, Bernie Short, and Walter Souderman.*

*June Birthdays ~ Marylou Carbino, Kenneth Gressler, Marion Rusenko, John Stepek, and Richard Campbell.*

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Hope all stay well and enjoy our spring.

#### PITTSBURGH PIT-STOPPERS

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May has sprung and for the first five days the average temperature has been 4 degrees below the first five days of January!

Sad to report **Clarence C. (CC) Davis** PITCG passed away February 11, 2023, CC is survived by his wife **Patricia Roman-Davis** PITCS retired.

*May Birthdays ~ Johnna Chicots and Dee Chiocchi.*

## TENNESSEE

### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS



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

## UTAH

### SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

## WASHINGTON

### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

Seattle, WA  
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It's about time to mark your calendar for our annual summer picnic! President **Ken Story** has confirmed Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon at the lakeside home of **Kathi Skarbo** in Burien. Look for more details in a forthcoming email from **Dave Jones**. As usual, we ask for you to RSVP to **Bonnie Frey** by July 18<sup>th</sup> so that we'll have enough food and beverages for all. Please leave Bonnie a message clearly stating your name, how many in your party and your phone number. Bonnie can be reached at (360) 459-8048. Hopefully the sun will shine as beautifully as it did last year!

### LILAC CITY FLYERS



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

## WASHINGTON, D.C.

### THE DULLES LOUNGERS

Washington, D.C.

Mari McColl

Past President

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Our March meeting was a fun and informative event. Our guest speaker was a young woman, Katie England, from Fox Rehab. Katie is a physical therapist and the account manager at Fox Rehab. She told us about the value of having occupational therapy, speech therapy and/or physical therapy after a stroke, illness, fall or accident. CBT (Cognitive Brain Therapy) is an offspring of Speech Therapy which is most useful after a fall or head trauma which damages memory. This is often used with patients who are experiencing loss of words or memories due to forms of dementia and simply also from the effects of aging. Katie was a very interesting speaker with much knowledge regarding the value of these therapies. Our members had many questions and Katie was able to answer each and every query. One brilliant feature of Fox Rehab is that they provide these services in the comfort and convenience of your own home.

We welcomed **Tom Billone**, retired WASSS/WHQSS as a new member of our Chapter. We look forward to his being an active member for many years to come.

38 members were present for this meeting; slowly but surely, we are recovering from our pandemic years. **Tom Billone** went home from his very first meeting \$35 richer as a result of winning the 50/50 drawing.

March is also the month that we celebrate St. Paddy's Day. Our members love dressing up for this occasion. Green was in great display and the atmosphere was very festive.



In April, our group number shrunk a bit. We welcomed 29 members. The weather was beautiful and the Cherry Blossoms in D.C. were in full bloom. The Cherry Blossom festival is most popular and the blossoms in full bloom, at the end of March and for a week or so in April. Tourists come from all over the country (and world) for this anxiously awaited festival of nature's beauty. Those of us lucky enough to live here also take full advantage of this promise of the beautiful weather to come.

The highlight of this luncheon was the beautiful afghan which was crocheted and donated to our chapter by **Marie Libby**. The afghan was raffled off and won by **Gunn Chensinski**, one of our retired flight attendants and an active volunteer. The auction brought \$40 into our coffers and will prove quite valuable to our final party of our year in June. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, our annual party will be held at the Bungalow Lakehouse in Sterling, Virginia. It was such a success last year that we are looking forward to having it there again this year.

**Linda Scriven**, once again, won the 50/50 drawing and once again, she donated her winnings back to the chapter. Thank you for your endless generosity, Linda.

It is with great sadness that I now write about the deaths of three members of our United family. First, we lost our dear friend, **Evelyn Pregano**. Evelyn was the wife of the late **Frank Pregano** (IADMM), mother of **Angela Pregano Knight** (former IADCS), and mother-in-law of **Wade Knight** (IADCG). She was also the mother to 7 other children, 18 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren. Evelyn passed away on March 9, surrounded by her family, and services have already taken place. Condolences can be sent to the family at 14334 Bakerwood Place, Haymarket, VA 20169.

**William "Bill" McCay** (retired IADMM) died on May 6. Condolences may be sent to his wife **Beverly McCay** at 329 Pinehurst Dr., Gordonsville, VA 22942.

We also have found out that **Bob Middleton** (IADCG) passed away on December 26, 2022. Unfortunately, we have no other information.

Our luncheons are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 11:30 at the Golden Corral Manassas, VA. We invite you all to join us.



## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS



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It was about one year ago this month that Clipped Wings members were preparing to go to the National Special Olympics in Orlando Florida which took place last June. Our history in volunteering and funding this very important organization goes back over 70 years in various ways. The details are interesting and rich but let me share with you where we are today. Our National Philanthropy has developed into a program we call "Special Olympics Parent Grant Project". The grants are awarded to parents/guardians to be able to support their athlete at the Special Olympics. This is funded by each member's yearly \$10 assessment, plus donations from our 26 chapters. Last year, we gave 50 families \$1,000 each to use as they saw fit to be able to attend the SO in FL! Just some other astounding figures. Total volunteer hours with all chapters including the Special Olympics and local chapter charities since 1944 have been 555,154 hours which in years convert to 63.37 years.



If you know any former, retired, or current United, Continental or United Express Flight attendants who would like to "continue the connection" please contact me or use the QR code below to go directly to our website and find out all about us. There is a membership contact form on the website and once we receive their information, we will contact them and invite them to a local chapter meeting.

## NEW MEMBERS

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

Arnold, Eleanor, ORDEX, 501 Kazimour Drive, Lake Barrington, IL 60010  
Bertrand, Randall, ORDFO, 12220 Hidden Brook Dr., Tampa, FL 33624  
Boswell, Carter, 7235 W. Lost Silver Lane, Sahuarita, AZ 85629  
Chong, Gary, SFOMX, 1505 Brandywine Rd., San Mateo, CA 94402  
Jankosky, Thomas, ORDCG, 1579 Oregon Trail, Elk Grove Village, IL 60007  
Maiden, Wilbur (Frank), SFOPD, 2104 E. Freeport Lane, Gilbert, AZ 85234  
Parker, Jim, ORDCG, 4407 Royal Fox Dr., Saint Charles, IL 60174  
Rogers, Carol, 1016 Hobson Dr., Buffalo Grove, IL 60089  
Smyczynski, Bruno, 611 S. Summit, Barrington, IL 60010  
Soliday, Edmond, WHQHR, 3060 Indian Summer Circle, Valparaiso, IN 46385

## CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **April 2023**:

Gary L. Anderson, Larry N. Anzelmo, C. Arguedas, Boyd L. Ashcraft, Irma Atanasio, John P. Bogdanoff, Robert Chisholm, Gary Chong, Marybeth Collins, Douglas A. Cowan, David J. Cranfield, Donna R. Diksis, Judy Ford, Steven Foster, Jean A. Gill, Robert K. Gillman, Stephen O. Gray, Shelley A. Hofmann, Joseph Kalata, Lyn M. Kerns, Harry T. Tom Labrow, Kathryn Lapointe, Patricia A. Laria, Robert G. Minard, Virginia L. Monaco, Allan Popek, Kenneth L. Price, Frank Rippon, Donald Ryan, Judith M. Schroeder, John T. Small,

Darlenee Spalla, Boris M. Spitz, Casimir P. Spokas, Charles Stahl, Susan Stone, Ann Suen, Mary E. Betty Tomaino, John R. Wade, Ronald A. Wallace, Carolyn B. Walter, Sheila White, Bill Witt, Beverly A. Yeager, Larry Young, Bob Zeier.

## 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 hand written and it is not legible, it will not be published until a clear and readable document is received in the Denver Office. The information may be sent by email (preferred) at [ruaea@qwestoffice.net](mailto: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 – **Barnard, James D.**, on 5/4/2022, JFKFO, husband of Mary E. Barnard (deceased), 2390 80<sup>th</sup> Ct., Vero Beach, FL 32966

Retiree – **Chung, Jeling**, on 4/8/2023, HNLSW, mother of Jodie Pataray (Ronald Clevenger) and Joelle Karonis (Lee Ramos), Grandmother of many grand and great grandchildren, 2319 Oahu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96822

Retiree – **Crandall, Harry A.**, on 4/15/2023, DENTK, husband of Patricia M. Crandall (deceased), 6603 S. Dahlia Cir., Centennial, CO 80121

Spouse – **Davis, Clarence C.**, on 2/11/2023, PITCG, husband of Patricia Roman Davis, TPAOZ, 140 Timberline Drive, Washington, PA 15301

Retiree – **Hacke, Sandra R.**, on 4/12/2023, DENCS, wife of Carl E. Hacke, DENFF, 21740 E. Heritage Parkway, Aurora, CO 80016

Spouse – **Hopkins, Sally Ann**, on 4/9/2023, wife of Warren R. Hopkins, DENTK, 5578 N. Lariat Dr., Castle Rock, CO 80108

Spouse – **Lewis, Carol-Jean L.**, on 4/10/2023, wife of Charles L. Lewis, EXOKA, 801 E. Thomas St., Arlington Hts., IL 60004

Retiree – **Miner, Sr., George K.**, on 3/19/2023, SFOCG, husband of Beverly Miner, 7441 Brookdale Court, Dublin, CA 94568

Retiree – **Parker, Alice L.**, on 4/11/2023, DTWSS, mother of Jim Parker, 4407 Royal Fox Dr., St. Charles, IL 60174

Retiree – **Seymour, Patricia B.**, on 4/8/2023, DENCS, mother of Anita Cabada, 1887 Vigo St., NE, Atlanta, GA 30307

Retiree – **Uchida, Thomas T.**, on 12/20/2022, DENTR, husband of Mary Uchida (deceased), 214 Wiltshire Dr., Bellefonte, PA 16823

## Letters & Notes



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

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

Larry Anzelmo, Josephine Arguedas, Shaun Brennan, Kathleen Brown, Frank Christenson, Vicki Derrough, Robert Duffy, Sherry Elms, Dennis Gilbert, Ann Hluboky, George Horiuchi, Christel Ilg, Arthur Jefferson, Glenn Kakugawa, Patricia Lionberger, Lyn Kerns, Helene MacPherson, Martha Mott, Casmir Mroz, Angie Page, Shirley Pilgrim, Judy Schroeder, William Slisko, and Carol Stoop.

### **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 Hendricks, 2543 Arborwood Dr., Valrico, FL 33596**

The years keep rolling by ... fast!

Since his amputation in October 2021, Kennedy has his prosthesis and is beginning to walk with a cane. I am very proud of him and give a big "Thank You" to everyone who offered prayers for us.

Now our life has some resemblance of normalcy, however, we haven't traveled out of Florida since Covid. It is still awkward traveling with his scooter or support chair. Hopefully, we can take a cruise out of Tampa next year. God willing, we can fly to California to visit with friends and family.

To **Tom Sabo** in Palm Springs: I hope I can make it to one of the Desert Sunbirds meetings, since that is where most of the people I worked with now reside.

#### **William Rankin, 103 Inverrary Dr., Blue Bell, PA 19422**

Being a "Snow Bird" 4 months in Florida, (January-April) and 8 months in Blue Bell, PA, (May-December) is a lame excuse for my rather chaotic organization, as well as tax time to further muddle my efforts. Thus, my enclosed check to reinstate my affiliation with your outstanding group.

Your publication is tops in keeping us old timers up on information concerning our old Company.

Some amazing changes and an item some months ago of 22,000 flight attendants was mind boggling. What happened to that DC-6/DC-7 airline of 1955?

I hope everyone has a good year

**Ken & Beverly Yeager, 1312 Stadium Dr., NE, Cullman, AL 35055**

Time is going by so fast!

My husband and I both retired from United in 2003, which makes it 20 years this year.

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**Marybeth Collins**

I'm still flying whenever and wherever I can. I opt for the 20% off for most travel since my boarding priority is very low. I love keeping in touch with my friends from IADRR and organize a reunion every October to mark the closing of the office :-)

**Boris M. Spitz**

March 1<sup>st</sup> was 20 years retired and I will be 82 this May (time flies when you're having fun)! Quite a lot happened: I now have 11 great-grandchildren, moved to Florida for 11 years, then Arizona for 8 more, then back "home" to IL. Sad to say, I lost some friends, co-workers and relatives along the way but that is the nature of life. I keep active and try to stay healthy, I wish the same to all who read this.

**Patricia A. Laria**

Thank you for keeping us updated regarding the many changes within United.

**Donald Ryan**

RUAEA and United is life long friendship to me.

**Bruno Smycynski**

Retired LDRSM from ORDCG.

**Jim Parker**

While I'm not yet retired, a seniority date of 10/27/1974 places me in the right age group to recognize the names of those who have.

I have enjoyed reading my retired mother's (**Alice Parker**) Newsletter for years.

**Judy Ford**

I enjoy having the connection to United and all the up-to-date company information in our newsletter. It's so nice to connect with the many people that I worked with over the years, now scattered all over the country. I love hearing all the updates from the various chapters throughout the country - especially the excellent tips they share.

**Kenneth L. Price**

After almost 30 years of retirement, I still count my blessing for having worked for United Airlines.

**John A. Sausen**

My deceased husband John worked for United Airlines for 40 years.

**Susan Stone**

I've been retired for many years and used to be a member of RUAEA. I haven't traveled using a pass or 20% off ticket in a very long time. I'm very much out of the loop when it comes to current travel procedures and need direction. I hope by rejoining RUAEA, I'll get current with all that's changed.

**Karl Besteder**

I love reading the monthly RUAEA Newsletter.

# *Retired United Airlines Employees Reunion*

*Sponsored by  
RUATA, RUPA & ARECA*



*September 29 - October 4, 2023  
in  
San Diego*



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# **Welcome to the 2023 RUAEA, RUPA & ARECA REUNION**

RUAEA and the RESANS would like to welcome all of you to this year's Reunion. 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 and RUPA and is open to all members of RUAEA and other branches of the United Family, including; RUPA (**R**etired **U**nited **P**ilots **A**ssociation), Clipped Wings (Former & current UA Flight Attendants), ARECA (**A**ssociation of **R**etired **C**ontinental **E**mployees), RAFA (**R**etiree **A**ssociation of **F**light **A**ttendants), the IAM Retiree Association, Golden Eagles (Retired Continental Pilots) and Golden Penguins (Former Continental Flight Attendants). We encourage you to bring friends and family to this great city, tours and camaraderie we all share at the Reunion.

Our hotel is the **DANA on Mission Bay**, 1710 W. Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, 92109. Check the hotel information on page C4. **Very important – RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention so please book through the hotel as described on page C-4. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty. The Reunion rate is \$135.00 plus tax.** The hotel is offering the Reunion Rate three days pre and post reunion based on availability.

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

The **Reunion Banquet** will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Mission Bay Ballroom. We will not be offering table assignments this year but will have a signup sheet available. Our dress code for this evening will be Dressy Casual, jacket and/or tie are optional, so bring all your friends. **Remember that the Reunion Banquet is a three-course dinner followed by entertainment. More information is on Page C-8.**

There are a variety of tours; many tours fill up fast so register as early as you can! Taking in the sites with your friends is always fun. While we would like you to take part in our tour package, we know there are so many things to do and see in the San Diego area. You may want to arrive early and/or stay late to do somethings on your own. **See pages C 6-7 for details and sign up early.**

Members of Clipped Wings **may be present** to represent current and former UAL/CO Flight Attendants. They will have items for purchase. Proceeds go to their philanthropic group - Special Olympics. Representatives of the Mainliner Club **may be present** to have airline items for sale. For any questions or concerns, please contact **Hank Gosselin** – VP Conventions at [henrygosselin@comcast.net](mailto:henrygosselin@comcast.net) or the reunion coordinators at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com).

## **Transportation Information**

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

## **Ground Transportation**

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

- **Yellow Cab 1-888-710-3391**
- **San Diego Airport Taxi 1-858-227-9272**
- **Get an app on your cell phone for Uber or Lyft ... Although ride-share is usually less expensive, check around as there are times the taxi will be a better choice.**

# **San Diego Reunion 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, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. The special raffle will feature gift cards. Tickets for 50/50 and the Special Raffle may be purchased during Hospitality Suite hours. Please buy your tickets early if you are going on a tour as sales end each evening at 6:15 PM.

## **CORRESPONDENTS' & CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' MEETING**

**Don Burbank**, RUAEA President along with **John Chu**, Newsletter Manager invites all Chapter Presidents and Newsletter Correspondents (or their alternates) to join them for a meeting on Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 – 8:00 AM, at the Marina Cove Room. RSVP to **Mary Jane Stewart** at (724) 745-8703 or email [stewartmaryjane@aol.com](mailto:stewartmaryjane@aol.com) prior to September 20, 2023.

## **RUAEA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

This meeting will be held on Tuesday October 3, 2023 8:30 – 9:30 AM, in the Mission Bay Ballroom. The state of affairs of RUAEA will be announced by President **Don Burbank**. If there are By-law changes, they will be voted upon by the membership at this time.

## **BENEFIT PANEL PRESENTATION**

This presentation will be following the Business Meeting 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. Presenters from United Airlines Benefit Departments, Employee Travel, Alliant Credit Union and possibly from CVS/Caremark, Aetna, Fidelity, VSP, AON Hewitt, and Kaiser.

## **BANQUET NIGHT**

The Reunion Banquet on Wednesday October 4, 2023. The hospitality get-together with cocktails at cash bar before the banquet will commence at 5:30 PM. At 7:00 PM the doors will open for Banquet seating at the Mission Bay Ballroom, once all are seated we will have the presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance. **All veterans are invited to participate in the presentation.**

## **REGISTRATION**

Your meal selections and tours are listed on pages 9 and 10. Tours are subject to cancellation due to lack of 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](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com).

**Remember to have your name listed in the Directory you must register no later than Sept. 10, 2023**

## **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY**

**Registration fees are non-refundable.** For tour and dinner cancellations please contact **Shirley Claggett** by **September 15, 2023** at [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com) or write to her at 1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place Des Moines, WA 98198. Dinners may be canceled up to **October 2, 2023**. After that date, no refunds will be processed until after the Reunion. Refunds for tours will be considered after the Reunion if there is no cost to RUAEA. **Hotel reservations should be cancelled directly with the hotel as they have a 48 hour cancellation policy. Also your credit card will be charged for the first night's stay 48 hours prior to arrival. The hotel cut-off date is August 30, 2023 to ensure the Reunion Rate.**

# **RUAEA CELEBRATING 48 YEARS!**

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**The RUAEA – RUPA – ARECA REUNION**  
**September 29 ~ October 4, 2023**  
**DANA on Mission Bay**  
**1710 W. Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109 ~ (619) 222-6440**



Welcome to the DANA on Mission Bay, next to Sea World and a mere 15 minutes from the San Diego Airport. Almost all of the rooms have been renovated in 2019. If a main floor room is required, please request it at time of booking. The property is also adjacent to a marina where water activities are available for rent. The hotel has two pools, and space for patio dining. There are many amenities, see those listed below. Price is \$135.00 plus tax.

**Hotel Amenities:**

- Parking fee waived (\$30.00 value). Resort fee waived (\$32.00 value).
- Breakfast for two included (\$40.00 value) per hotel night.
- Bayside Pool & Spa Plus Tropical Pool & Spa.
- Guest Rooms include a refrigerator, microwave, flat screen TV, coffee maker with complimentary coffee & tea, iron & ironing board plus a hairdryer. Free WI-FI.
- Reservations can be made by calling toll free 1-800-445-3339. Please mention RUAEA Annual Conference to receive the discounted rate of \$135 + tax which includes breakfast for two per day. Credit card number is required to guarantee your reservation and is required at check in to cover incidentals. **Your card will be charged for the first night stay 48 hours prior to arrival.**
- You can also go to [ruaea.org](http://ruaea.org) for a link to make an online booking or use the QR Code above!
- Very important – RUAEA has committed to a block of rooms as we do with each convention/reunion so please book through the hotel as described on this page. Using any other discount will not add toward our committed block of rooms and RUAEA could incur a financial penalty.
- Check in: 4:00 pm and Check out: 11:00 AM – **There is a 48 hour cancellation policy** and also an early departure charge. Please read requirements when making your reservations.
- Reservations must be made by August 30, 2023 to guarantee the Convention rate.

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

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

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# RUAEA, RUPA, ARECA JOINT REUNION 2023

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Friday	Sept. 29		Arrival of Board Members
Saturday	Sept. 30	9:00AM –	RUAEA Exec Board Meeting – Bay Side Conference Room
		11:00AM –	RUAEA Board Meeting – Bay Side Conference Room
		10:00AM –	ARECA Board Meeting – Marina Cove Conference Room A
		12:30PM –	Box Lunches for meetings
		12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration & Hospitality Room Opens – Mission Bay Foyer and Ballroom
Sunday	October 1	12:00PM – 6:00PM	Registration/Tour Sales – Mission Bay Foyer
		8:00AM – 6:15PM	50/50 – Special Raffle Sales – Mission Bay Foyer
		1:00PM – 5:00PM	Tour 1 - Narrated City Tour with 2 stops
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Mission Bay Ballroom - Cash Bar
		6:15PM –	50/50 Drawing – 7:30PM Door Prizes
Monday	October 2	7:00AM – 8:00AM	Presidents' & Correspondents' Meeting – Marina Cove Conference Room A
		8:30AM – 4:30PM	Registration – Mission Bay Foyer
		8:00AM – 6:15PM	50/50 – Special Raffle Sales – Mission Bay Foyer
		10:00AM – 2:00PM	Tour 2 - USS Midway Museum Tour
		6:30PM – 10:00PM	Tour 3 - Bali Hai Polynesian Adventure
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Hospitality Get Together – Mission Bay Ballroom Cash Bar
		6:15PM –	50/50 Drawing – 7:30PM Door Prizes
Tuesday	October 3	8:30AM – 12:00PM	Registration on Request
		8:00AM – 9:00AM	RUPA Board Meeting - Marina Cove Conference Room B
		8:30AM – 9:30AM	RUAEA Business Meeting – Mission Bay Ballroom
		10:00AM – 12:00PM	Benefits Panel Presentation – Mission Bay Ballroom
		12:30PM – 3:00PM	Benefits Breakout Session - TBD
		5:30PM – 8:30PM	Oktoberfest – Mission Bay Ballroom - Cash Bar
		6:15PM –	50/50 and <b>Special Raffle Drawing</b>
Wednesday	October 4	08:30AM- 09:30AM	RUPA BOD Members Meeting- Mission Bay Ballroom
		10:00AM – 2:00PM	Tour 4 San Diego Harbor Cruise
		5:30PM – 7:00PM	Hospitality Get Together – Cash Bar prior to the Banquet
		7:00PM – 10:00PM	Tropical Nights Banquet & Entertainment Mission Bay Ballroom

**ALL VETERANS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE FLAG PRESENTATION!**

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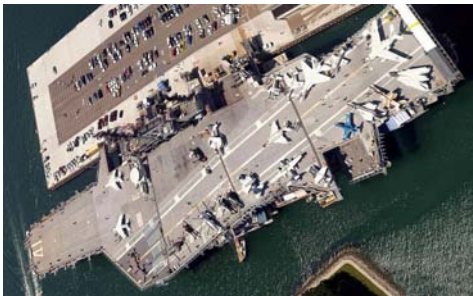
## **RUAEA, RUPA & ARECA 2023 REUNION TOUR 1 ~ Sunday, October 1, 2023**

### **Tour #1 ~ 1:00PM ~ 5:00PM. Narrated City Tour - \$39.00 p/p**

Tour the city in an air conditioned bus with restrooms. Tour includes a narration of the views as you travel around the beautiful city. There will be at least two stops for a chance to see things up close, take some pictures and purchase a snack or a cup of coffee.

## **RUAEA, RUPA & ARECA 2023 REUNION TOUR 2 ~ Monday, October 2, 2023**

### **Tour # 2 ~ 10:00AM ~ 2:00PM. USS Midway Museum Tour - \$59.00 p/p**



The USS Midway was commissioned in 1946 and decommissioned in 1992. It served in three wars, Korea, Vietnam and was the flagship in the Gulf war with Iraq in 1991. The ship is in excellent condition, including scores of vintage aircraft. All the ship compartments have been reconditioned for inspection. This USS Midway Naval aircraft carrier museum is the finest in the world. Our group will board together at 10:00AM. Everyone will receive a complimentary set of light weight audio phones, allowing the group to fan out to their favorite exhibit. At each exhibit simply press the button on the audio set and it will tell all the information back to each individual.

The Midway is handicap friendly with elevators and dozens of park benches to take a rest and people watch. No matter if you have been to the Midway before the sights are always amazing especially from the flight deck.

## **RUAEA, RUPA & ARECA 2023 REUNION TOUR 3 ~ Monday, October 2, 2023**

### **Tour # 3 ~ 6:30PM ~ 10:00PM.**

### **Bali Hai Restaurant ~ Polynesian Cuisine at San Diego Bay Harbor - \$99.00 p/p**



This is the closest thing to being at a Hawaiian Luau only it's in San Diego. It's off for a fifteen minute ride by motor coach to the Bali Hai restaurant established in 1953. It is one of the most scenic restaurants in San Diego located on the harbor looking directly at the city skyline. The private dinner takes place in the Hawaiian Village, the food, service and ambiance are all excellent. After dinner we will be entertained by a Hawaiian Dance review, to round out this special event. Then back to the Dana for a restful night.

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# **RUAEA, RUPA & ARECA 2023 REUNION**

## **TOUR 4 ~ Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**Tour #4 ~ 10:00AM ~ 2:00PM. San Diego Harbor Excursion - \$79.00 p/p**



We board the motor coach to journey to our Harbor cruise. The cruise is narrated and covers the majority of the harbor, including several military bases and dozens of points of interest. Just before mooring the harbor excursion passes by the bow of the USS Midway for a special close up. During the cruise everyone on our tour will enjoy a box lunch at their leisure, complete with dessert and beverage. After the sight-seeing cruise, it is back to the Dana with time to rest up for the evening festivities.

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Oktoberfest Night ~ Tuesday, October 3, 2023  
Mission Bay Ballroom

Appetizers will include: German Cucumber Salad, Bratwurst, Pretzel Bun, Bratkartoffeln, Sauerkraut and German Beer Cheese Sauce ... also German Beer!

These are just appetizers to complement our social time! It is not dinner!

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*Tropical Nights*  
*Mission Bay Ballroom*  
*BANQUET ~ Wednesday, October 4, 2023*

*MENU*

*Mixed Greens w/ Vinaigrette*  
*Salmon Piccata or Roast Pork Loin*  
*Garlic Mashed Potatoes ~ Seasonal Vegetables*  
*Vegetarian Option*  
*Dessert*

*The American Flyboys Swing Band!*

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**2023 RUAEA, RUPA & ARECA Reunion Registration Form**  
**\*Register Early – Hotel Registration Cutoff Date is August 30, 2023\***  
**\*The deadline for Reunion Registration is September 15, 2023\***

**(Please Print Clearly)**

File Number	Check if Member Of		Department Retired From:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> RUPA	<input type="checkbox"/> ARECA		
Last Name:		First Name:		Name Tag: (If Different)
Street Address:				Are You a Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:	
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Guest 1 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State
Guest 2 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State
Guest 3 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State
Guest 4 Last Name:		First Name:		City / State
Email address (to be used for receiving Reunion updates or Tour information changes)				
Would you like your email address or cell published in the Reunion Directory?				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Enter email address:				Cell phone:

**Instructions:**

1. Complete both pages of this Reunion Registration Form.
2. Check your choices for dinner entrée and tours. Make certain you record the correct number of people attending each event. Please indicate Guest # on meal and tour choices.
3. Make certain the Member's **file number is entered at the top of the form** and the total number of people is indicated for the **non-refundable** Registration Fee.
4. Seating at all events will be **random**. Each table seats 10 people.

Date – 2023		Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	× Price (P/P)	= Total
	<b>Registration Fee – Non Refundable</b> <b>***Fee Required for each Attendee***</b>				<b>\$15.00</b>	\$
	Oktoberfest				\$35.00	\$
	<b>Banquet</b>					
	Salmon Piccata				\$55.00	\$
	Roast Pork Loin				\$55.00	\$
	Vegetarian Option				\$55.00	\$
Total of registration plus meals =						\$
Total balance of tours from <b>Page C-10</b> =						\$
<b>Grand Total (enclose payment for this amount) – Include File Number on Check</b>						\$

**See Registration Form Page 2 (C-10) for information on how to register and pay for the 2023 Reunion.**

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**Tour Registration**

Date – 2023	Tour Description	Tour #	Cost P/P	Member	Spouse	Guest(s)	Total Cost
Sunday, Oct.1	Narrated City Tour	1	39.00				
Monday, Oct. 2	USS Midway	2	59.00				
Monday, Oct. 2	Bali Hai Polynesian Night	3	99.00				
Wed., Oct. 4	Harbor Cruise	4	79.00				
Sub Total from this page (Enter on <b>Page C-9</b> )							
<b>RETAIN A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE REUNION</b>							

**TO BE LISTED IN THE REUNION DIRECTORY YOU MUST  
REGISTER BY  
September 10, 2023**

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: **2023 RUAEA Convention**

Mail completed Registration Form and Check to:  
**2023 RUAEA Convention, c/o Shirley Claggett,  
1007 South 262<sup>nd</sup> Place, Des Moines, WA 98198.  
Email – [ruaeaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:ruaeaconvention@gmail.com)**



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## The Acorn Days - Amazing History of US Aviation - Part 3

Text by **Denham S. Scott** - Reprinted from NAAR (North American Aviation Retirees Bulletin) - Summer 2001  
(Continued from last Month)

At Cleveland, a young fellow called **Dutch Kindelberger** joined the Martin Company as an engineer. Also a veteran Army pilot from WWI named **Carl Squier** became Sales Manager. His name was to become one of the most venerable names in Lockheed history. Back in 1920, **Donald Douglas** had saved \$60,000 and struck out on his own. He returned to Los Angeles, found a backer, **David Davis**, rented the rear of a barbershop and some space in the loft of a carpenter's shop where they built a passenger airplane called **The Cloudster**. **Claude Ryan** bought this a couple years later, and made daily flights between San Diego and Los Angeles with it. This gives Ryan the distinction of being the owner and operator of the first **Douglas Commercial Transport**, and certainly a claim to be among the original airline passenger operators.

In 1922, **Donald Douglas** was awarded a contract to build three torpedo planes for the U.S. Navy, Douglas lived in Santa Monica, but worked in Los Angeles. Way out in the wilderness at what is now 25th Street and Wilshire Boulevard in Santa Monica, there was an abandoned barn-like movie studio. One day Douglas stopped his roadster and prowled around to investigate. The movie studio became the first real home of the **Douglas Aircraft Company**.

With the \$120,000 Navy contract, **Donald Douglas** needed and could afford one or two engineers. He hired my brother **Gordon Scott**, newly over from serving an apprenticeship to the **Martinside** and the **Fairey Aviation Companies** in England. Gordon was well schooled in the little known science of Aviation by 1923.

My first association with some of the early pioneers occurred when I visited my brother Gordon at the barn at 25th Street. I found him outside on a ladder washing windows. They were dirty and he was the youngest engineer. There were no janitorial services at the Douglas Company in those days.

Gordon introduced me to **Art Mankey**, his boss and Chief Draftsman, and four of his fellow engineers. There was a tow-head guy called **Jack Northrop**, a chap named **Jerry Vultee**, and a fellow named **Dick Von Hake** who was a reserve Army flyer. Jack Northrop came from Santa Barbara where he had worked during WWI for the Lockheed Aircraft Manufacturing Company. The fourth member of the Engineering Group was **Ed Heinemann**\*. They were all working on the design of the Douglas World Cruisers. Shortly afterwards, Jack Northrop left the Douglas Company in 1926. Working at home, he designed a wonderfully advanced streamlined airplane. He tied back with **Allan Loughead** who found a rich man, **F.E. Keeler**, willing to finance a new **Lockheed Aircraft Company**.

*\*Personal Note: My Dad was an early Navy Aero Engineer with an Aero degree from MIT in 1929. He was on the SB2C Helldiver BuAir Design Team pre WWII. In those days the Navy designed the planes and the contractors made them. He spent years working with Mrssrs. Grumann, McDonnell and Ed Heinemann, among others. I had the distinct pleasure of spending a day with Mr. Heinemann six years after my Dad died. It was 1972. I was CO, VF-102 and had two crews attending Top Gun so I went to their graduation at Miramar and Mr. Heinemann was the speaker. He had designed the AD, A3D and A4D. He told me how my Dad would fly out to Palmdale from DC, they would fly a few hops, come up with some fixes to known problems, have them done in the machine shop, fly again to see if they worked, and after getting the desired results, Mr. Heinemann would put the changes into effect in the factory and my Dad would fly back to DC to approve them. No dollars changed hands! Mr Heinemann was lamenting how things had certainly changed by 1972 - and I am sure it's worse today. Ed C. (To be continued next month)■*