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West Coast and East Coast Local Chapter Meetings

Sacramento Gold Diggers

Sitting (L to R): Francis Domaratus, Barbara Bertacini, Judie King, Stephanie Norton, Ken Norton, Angie Dellinger, Sherrie Wolfram

Standing (L to R): Frank Dellinger, Veronica Domaratus, Ron Bertacini, Marge Raynor, Jack Raynor, Sidnee McKinney, Skip Jenkins, Jack McKinney, Marie Jenkins, Colleen Esola, Dave Garland, Pat Quinn, Robin Garland, Irv Wolfram, Laverne Haubl, Len Haubl



The Orlando Real McCoy's

Top Row (L to R): Stan Halterman, Joe Fitak, Ted LeGrand III, Ernie Vosges, Jim Mummah

Middle Row (L to R): Charlotte LeGrand, Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Cathy Llewellyn, Al Fields, Cheryl Vosges, Joanne Mollett, Mack Chandler

Front Row (L to R): Barbara Fitak, Richard Llewellyn, Barbara Halterman, Al Mollett

GENERAL NEWS

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Correction from the September 2021 issue

CORRECTION

Article “*The 81 minutes of United Airlines Flight 93*”: Captain Jason Dahl lived in Littleton, Colorado and was based in Denver, CO. First officer Leroy Homer was based in Newark NJ.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Your United benefits are now in the palm of your hand August 31, 2021



Last month, we introduced the ability to receive text messages from the United Airlines Benefit Center (UABC) on important topics like enrollment deadlines, confirmation of enrollment, pension benefit status updates and more. Now, we’re making your benefits even easier to access

with the launch of our new benefits mobile app, Alight.

Alight is our UABC partner for U.S.-based employees. With the Alight app, you can enroll in your health and wellness benefits during Annual Enrollment, access your spending and savings accounts, manage all your wellness programs, update your beneficiaries and more.

The Alight mobile app is available to download today on your personal device and will be pushed to all company issued devices over the next several weeks (where possible).

Accessing the new app is easy. Here’s how to get started:

How to download and set up the Alight mobile app:

- Go to the Apple App Store or Google Play from your mobile device
- Search “Alight mobile app” and download it to your mobile device

- Open the Alight mobile app and in the “Your Employer Field”, search for “United Airlines” and tap the name
- Access your account with your Flying Together username and password by tapping the “Login with your employer credentials” option
- From the phone numbers listed, select the one that can receive text messages, as a six-digit access code will be sent for you to enter to verify your account
- The phone numbers listed will pull from what you have in My Info in Flying Together. If your cell phone is not listed, please see the section below
- Enable your biometric (touch or face ID, depending on your device) for ease of future access

How to set up your phone number in My Info:

To ensure security, you’ll receive a text message with an authentication code (multi-factor authentication) during the setup process.

If your cell phone has already been added to your contact details in My Info, you’ll see your number listed.

If not, you can add a cell phone that can receive text messages in the Contact Details section of the My Info tile (Flying Together > Employee Services - My Info/ Manager’s Toolbox > Personal Details > Contact Details).

To add a new cell phone, click on the “+” symbol select “Personal Mobile,” add your number and click “Save”.

It may take a few days for your information to be loaded into the new Alight mobile app.

How to sign up to receive text messages from the UABC:

Sign up for text messaging with the UABC so you don’t miss out on important text reminders about your benefits. Once your cell phone number has been successfully added to My Info (see above steps), just access YBR and opt in to receive texts and follow these steps:

- ▲ Access YBR and navigate to the “Your Profile” drop-down menu
- ▲ Click on the “Manage Communications” option
- ▲ YBR > Your Profile > Manage Communications
- ▲ Under the “General Benefits” section, scroll down to “Text Messages for Benefits”
- ▲ Click the change button, review the opt-in authorization language, check the box to opt-in and then click “Save and Return”
- ▲ A confirmation text will be sent to you within moments to confirm you accurately signed up for texting

Civil Reserve Air Fleet activated

August 24, 2021



For the first time since 2003, the federal government has activated the Civil Reserve Air Fleet, or CRAF. This means that select aircraft from U.S. airlines, including

United, will support the mission of the Department of Defense in operating flights to bring to the U.S.: American citizens, our service members in uniform, as well as those Afghan citizens who have risked their lives to help keep them safe.

CRAF is activated when the military's needs exceed the capability of their aircraft and this is the first time it has been used primarily to transport civilians. *"As a global airline and flag carrier for our country, we embrace the responsibility to quickly respond to international challenges like this one – it's a duty we take with the utmost care and coordination as we call upon the expertise of several different teams within our airline to work in close partnership with the U.S. military to safely execute this operation,"* said Scott.

Thank you to the flight crews, technicians and support teams who are deploying at a moment's notice to staff these missions.

Reflections from our humanitarian missions

August 31, 2021

To date, we have operated 13 international missions that have brought over 4,000 Afghan evacuees, U.S. military personnel and American citizens home to the U.S. We have also started to fly additional missions from IAD to locations across the U.S. and will continue to do so as long as they are needed.

Team IAD and thousands of employees across the system have come together to welcome and care for our passengers with dignity and safety at the forefront from the moment they step on to the aircraft to when they land and return to their life in the U.S. or begin a completely new one.

Recently, Scott visited IAD to meet with employees who have been on the frontlines of our missions to hear their stories, give his thanks and share his pride in how the United family has taken every mission to heart.

"In my entire career, this is one of the things that I, and I hope all of you, will be proud of getting to be a part of," said Scott. *"This is where we get the chance to do something that really makes a difference in these people's lives."*

The power of language

September 3, 2021



Did you know? Afghanistan is a country with more than 40 languages spoken, but the main languages are Dari, which is also known as Farsi, and Pashto. While

more than half of the population speaks Dari and roughly half speak Pashto, there are still other languages sprinkled throughout the country. English is not widely known or spoken.

Many of the passengers on our CRAF humanitarian flights speak only Pashto, Dari (Farsi) or Urdu, making communication with English-speaking crews a challenge. We put out a request for volunteers who speak Farsi, Dari, Pashto, Urdu, Arabic, and more who could offer translation services for our passengers and be that crucial line of communication between our crew, passengers and colleagues on the ground.

Hundreds of you from all over the system humbly answered the call.

Fly south this winter

September 2, 2021



Grab your sunglasses and head south this winter with new routes to the Caribbean and Central America. We're adding new flights to NAS (Nassau, Bahamas), GUA (Guatemala

City, Guatemala) and RTB (Roatan, Honduras) beginning December 18.

We've seen an increase in demand to leisure destinations and we anticipate the trend to continue to grow to warmer vacation spots. New routes include CLE (Cleveland) to NAS; ORD to GUA; and DEN to RTB. These new flights are subject to government approval.

"Throughout the pandemic, Latin America has remained one of the strongest regions for United with leisure demand meeting or exceeding 2019 levels," said VP of International Network and Alliances Patrick Quayle. *"We have been adding new flights to Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America since last summer and with today's announcement, United will fly 20 new routes across Latin America that we did not operate in 2019 so our customers can enjoy more beaches and warmer weather."*

We're going to operate 167 daily flights to the Caribbean, Central America and Mexico which is a 26% capacity increase compared to the winter season in 2019. We are the only carrier to offer direct service from CLE to the Caribbean with Saturday service beginning to the Bahamas. This flight joins our other flights to NAS from DEN, IAH, EWR and IAD. We're proud to fly more routes to Guatemala than any other airline. The new ORD service on Saturdays will join flights to GUA from IAH, LAX, EWR and IAD. Finally, we're the first airline to connect DEN to Honduras with our new Saturday service. This year, we've added from DEN to the Bahamas, Belize and Costa Rica.

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Uncertainty ~ Given what life keeps throwing our way individually and as a collective society, chances are you have been exposed to the advice to “embrace uncertainty”, which can prove extremely challenging since our brains like to predict things ... that makes us feel safe! However, psychotherapists say that embracing uncertainty can help you constructively cope when things seem unpredictable, allowing you to move forward rather than drowning in anxiety. People with lower “uncertainty tolerance” can fall prey to something called emotional exhaustion. On the other hand, those with a higher tolerance for uncertainty are more likely to adapt and also report less stress. Instead of fighting something, we know from research that if you accept it, it helps you cope better, decreases the body's stress response, and improves depression and anxiety. If uncertainty is causing you to excessively worry, avoid situations, and spend more time than you'd like planning and double- (or triple-) checking things, consider opening your mind and embracing that uncertainty.

Be aware ~ The first step to change is to notice when you do things to avoid uncertainty. You may find yourself spending hours online researching something, putting off a task, seeking reassurance from others, or checking things over and over. When you recognize that you're doing any of those behaviors, stop and acknowledge that you are trying to protect yourself by avoiding uncertainty.

Sit with the discomfort ~ Rather than doing your typical habit, find the courage to face your feelings. The

causes of anxiety or depression can stem from something bad that happened to us in the past, but we couldn't fix it through our own power. And if we don't have help or resources to deal with those events, the pain can stay stuck and we may disconnect from it. Instead of disconnected, stop, pause, and sit with the discomfort so that you can process those feelings. It's not easy, but it's necessary!

Focus on what you can control ~ Rather than attempting to up-end your life and go all-in on uncertainty, focus on one thing at a time. Ask yourself, what do I have control over today?

Accept that this is hard ~ Especially for those of us whose nervous systems thrive on predictability and structure, embracing uncertainty stinks! Try to deal with what is in front of you today so it doesn't feel like an unending, overwhelming thing, especially right now when things are changing day-to-day.

Be patient ~ Being patient with yourself as you embrace is crucial. It can be very uncomfortable, but having self-compassion will give you the ability to take on the challenging times ahead. While we can't be certain what is ahead, being kind to yourself, knowing we have control of our reactions, and investing in self-care, is the best way you can keep yourself healthy.

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So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

Hello every one and I'm hoping that you have had a good summer. Now that we have more freedom, I hope you have been able to spend more time with family and friends and maybe even been doing some traveling. How about trying out new recipes? I have tried to give you a variety of recipes that make cooking a little simpler and more fun.

Crock-pot Barbeque Chicken:

3-6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 bottle (18 oz.) Barbeque sauce

¼ cup white vinegar
¼ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1 Tsp. crushed red pepper
1 tsp. garlic powder

Place chicken in crock-pot (I throw mine in frozen and it works amazingly well.) You don't even have to break them apart.

Mix Barbeque sauce, vinegar, brown sugar, crushed red pepper and garlic together in a separate bowl. (Make sure brown sugar is fully blended.)

Pour Barbeque mixture evenly over chicken to coat.

Cook on high for 6 hours. If using thawed chicken reduce time to four hours so as not to burn the chicken.

Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



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

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

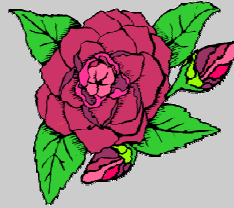
Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUAEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUAEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed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

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We apologize for not having the Obituaries section in this month's Newsletter

LOCAL NEWS

ALABAMA



SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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There is no report this month from the Sweet Home Alabama chapter of RUAEA.

We meet three times yearly and invite all retired United friends and families to join us. Call **Joe Jones** at (205) 646-3825 for more information. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in September at 11:30.

ARIZONA



PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

Liz Tollefsen
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The RUAEA Convention in San Diego is over by the time you receive this issue. We hope those who attended had a wonderful time seeing old and new friends, attended the business meeting and benefit panel presentation, enjoyed the Hospitality Party and the Banquet and entertainment. We hope upon returning back home, you will be excited to tell everyone how much fun you had and look forward to future conventions.

October brings us cooler weather and Halloween coming up on Sunday, October 31. Our chapter is planning our first luncheon get-together early this month, hosted by Dakota. We always enjoy being together and look forward to seeing everyone. You will be hearing from Dakota regarding this luncheon. We need someone to host the November, January, February and March luncheons. **Peg Snowdall** is hosting the Christmas luncheon.

We have been meeting for breakfast on the fourth Friday at the Black Bear Diner in Gilbert. At the August 27th breakfast we had 14 people attend, even though we were dealing with extreme heat here in Arizona.

We always enjoy being together every month. If you know someone that may have worked for United or Continental at any time, please encouraged them to come to our breakfasts or luncheons. We are a friendly, fun group of people that always enjoy being together and they will find that out when they come.

We have the following birthdays in October: **Judy Burtner, Rosemarie Schaeffer, Jennifer Strohmaier, Bob Forsberg, Donna Pedone, and Cindy Hilsabeck.** Happy Birthday to each of you! We have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in October: **Bill & Pam Betz, and Jim and Kathy Brigante.** Happy Anniversary to both couples!

Calendar:

October – Luncheon hosted by Dakota – TBA

October 22 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Vice President **Peg Snowdall** at phomfeldt@cox.net, with your reservation by Wednesday, October 20, or call her at (480) 396-3317, so she can notify the Manager as to how many to expect from our group.

November – Luncheon. Host and date to be announced.

November 19 – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner (NOTE: Change of date due to Thanksgiving following week).




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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at rpdgarglic41@comcast.net or call either **Pat Di Lallo** (520) 825-7370 or **Sandy Lawyer** (847) 826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

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Hot! Fires, Smoke, COVID 19! Oh sorry, I thought I was writing in the 2020 RUEA Newsletter but this is


2021; different year same story. The problem is that the hot weather, fires and smoke started a lot earlier. As far as I know, the fires affected no one in the Northstater group. Two of our members, **Kent & Billie Jorgensen**, own a vacation home in Lake Almanor and it survived the fire. The Dixie Fire went around beautiful Lake Almanor. It caused quite a bit of damage to the forest. We had some friends who owned a lodge in Canyon Dam and lost it all. Also Lake Tahoe was affected by the Caldor Fire. It has been a very rough long summer so far but looks like we all survived it again so far.

The Northstaters will be getting together soon for a meeting/luncheon. We will be meeting this time in Chico, CA. Looking forward to seeing our members as always.

Please take care of yourselves and I will let you know how our luncheon went.

Calendar:

September 15 – Next meeting at 11:30 AM. The Pour House in Chico, Calif.



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Here is another month of staying in and not associating with friends and very little time with relatives.

UAL has been in the news lately mainly requesting all employees to get vaccinated. I have not seen any opposition to this and I'm glad for the employee's sake that they are going along with it.


There has also been news about passengers causing all kinds of problems that Flight Attendants have to contend with. That's another reason I am not flying anymore. It's not like the good old days when passengers were properly dressed and were courteous once they were seated. Those days will never come back. It was a privilege to come to work prior to the Jet Age.

I received word from our President **Mike Zoldak**. He was planning on having our usual meeting, however he and **Bridgett** were unable to attend. There were only two members signed up to attend so Mike cancelled the meeting. The latest California news is that masks will be worn both inside and out until further notice. This virus has more people hospitalized than ever, that's why my wife and I don't attend any group meetings and we limit our trips to stores.

I just heard on the news that the Governor of Hawaii is pleading with visitors to not come to Hawaii due to the virus outbreak. This used to be one of the places we visited as a family and looked forward to going as often as

possible. How times have changed! I wonder what this will do to UAL's schedule and passenger loads? I remember when these flights were very popular and profitable.

A final flight announcement was: *"Thank you for flying United Airlines. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."*



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Well, once again, the Desert Sunbirds have no report, as we still are on a "lockdown". So, we'll go with another joke to fill up some space in our "Report".

A woman was leaving a convenience store with her morning coffee when she noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery.

A long black hearse was followed by a second long black hearse about 50 feet behind the first one; behind the second hearse was a solitary woman walking a Pit Bull on a leash. Behind her a short distance back, were about 200 women walking single file.


The woman couldn't stand her curiosity. She respectfully approached the woman walking the dog and said, "I am so sorry for your loss. I know now is a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this. "Whose funeral is it?" "My husband's", said the woman.

"What happened to him?" The woman replied, "My dog attacked and killed him."

She inquired further, "Well, who is in the second hearse?" The woman answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my husband when the dog turned on her."

A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passed between the two women. "Can I borrow the dog?"

"Get in line."



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Hello again to everyone in RUAEA Land from the East Bay Diablos group. I hope you had a nice Labor Day Holiday and are looking forward to the change of seasons

to autumn. Here in California, each day moves us closer to the winter rains we so desperately need.

As things stand now, we are back to holding regular monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The only thing that could set everything backward is the Delta variant of Covid getting much worse. Let's all keep our fingers crossed that that doesn't happen.

Our September meeting was held on September 6th at The Old Spaghetti Factory restaurant in Concord with 13 members in attendance. Neither rain, sleet or snow, or the Labor Day holiday can keep us from meeting! We have a private room and an excellent menu at a great price. The \$20.00 cost includes soup or salad, many entrée choices, ice cream for dessert, beverages, tax and tip. Social hour started at 11:00 and lunch was served at noon. **Jan Soderstrom** was the cashier and **Arnold Hansen Jr.** collected the raffle money.

We missed **Joe & Wilma Leather** who were visiting family in Idaho; and **Poldi von Muhlfeld** who was with her family in Austria.

After lunch, we held our raffle. **Jack Smith** won the money and I won a bottle of Da Vinci Chianti contributed by **Tracey Blanchard**. Tracey also brought me a bottle of White Merlot to try at home. So rather than look like a wino walking down the street with a bottle of wine in each hand, I got a bag from the restaurant and tried not to clink them against each other on the way to my car!

Somehow the lock on our cashbox got stuck in the locked position—a first. Retired mechanic **Russ Kennedy** to the rescue! Armed with a nasty looking knife from **Diane Griego**, (I need to get more info on that for next month) he was able to pick the lock and we were back in business.

With the Delta variant rearing its ugly head, masks are now required inside. Going forward, because of the way the restaurant has to staff due to Covid, we now have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by the Friday before the meeting. I have also put the dates of all our meetings and the RSVP deadlines below.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. The cruises in 2020 and 2021 were cancelled, but RUPA is planning to have a cruise in 2022. This cruise will be Holland America's 14-day Great Alaskan Explorer departing Vancouver on September 18, 2022 and returning on October 2, 2022. The ship will be the Noordam. This is a cruise to experience glaciers, fjords, inlets, rivers, streams and wildlife galore. You will sail the Inside Passage, visit Ketchikan and Juneau, cruise Tracy Arm, visit Icy Strait Point, cruise Glacier Bay, visit Skagway and Sitka, and cruise the Misty Fjords and Inside Passage again on the return. You can view all the info on this cruise on the Holland America website at www.hollandamerica.com. In the destination box, select Alaska & Yukon, in the duration box select 9-16 days, and in the departure box select Vancouver. This cruise will be

the last one on page 2. Also, as Rich says, this cruise is open to all - friends and family, flight attendants and RUAEA members. The more the merrier and the greater our group discount!

I received a lovely postcard from **Sheryl Schubert** who writes the recipe column. She told me that she and her husband really enjoy my articles on turtles and elephants and want to see more. This was music to my ears! I just love wildlife stories, especially the ones with happy endings, like when endangered pandas, elephants and rhino have babies; or an animal is brought back from the edge of extinction. The good news is that I will never run out of stories because I am hopelessly behind in reading my wildlife magazines.

Giant Tortoise ~ I just dug out the Spring-Summer edition of the Galapagos Post, the twice-yearly publication for supporters of The Galapagos Conservancy. And guess what I found? A wonderful article on Fernanda the Fernandian Giant Tortoise with even more info and five incredible pictures. There is a close-up of her, an aerial shot of the volcano dominating the island, and a picture of two park rangers carrying Fernanda down the slopes of the volcano to the awaiting boat. This is my favorite picture. Fernanda is in a giant sling of rope and sticks and looks totally relaxed. The fourth picture is of the expedition team that found Fernanda in 2019. They are transporting her in a panga boat to the Giant Tortoise Center on Santa Cruz Island, and once again, Fernanda looks relaxed. The final picture of Fernanda is of her in her corral at the Giant Tortoise Center. And you guessed it, she looks very content and relaxed.

Another article in this magazine discussed the seizure of 185 baby Galapagos Tortoises from illegal traffickers. On March 28, Galapagos National Park staff discovered the 185 critically endangered hatchlings inside a suitcase bound for mainland Ecuador from Seymour Airport on Baltra Island. Unfortunately, 10 died in the suitcase, 22 later died, and 153 survived. They are now being cared for on Santa Cruz Island, where Fernanda now lives. And now for the good news: On May 19, the perpetrator was sentenced to three years in prison, a \$639,100 fine, and was required to issue a public apology through national media.

The Conservancy also offers a free e-newsletter. Go to www.galapagos.org and the sign-up box is in the upper right corner.

Javan Rhinos ~ Great news from Indonesia: On August 16, the Indonesian Government announced that two new Javan Rhinos have been spotted with camera traps in Ujung Kulon National Park. This brings the total number of these animals to 75. The species is still in serious trouble but every new sighting or birth is something to celebrate.

Our meetings are the first Monday of the month and we meet all 12 months of the year.

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

- ▲ Monday, October 4 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We

order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert. Must RSVP to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com or (925) 676-6097 by Friday, October 1.

- ▲ Monday, November 1 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert. Must RSVP to Diane Griego at diangriego@aol.com or 925 676-6097 by Friday, October 29.
- ▲ Monday, December 6 at 11:00.—Zio Fraedo's, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Our annual Christmas party is not to be missed. We will have a choice of their famous Prime Rib and several other entrées. We also collect Toys for Tots at this meeting. RSVP required to either **Jan Soderstrom** at email above, or to **Diane Griego** at diangriego@aol.com. RSVP deadline will be provided later.

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

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Here we are almost 19 months in hibernation, we can now, slowly, wake up and smell the roses. We were encouraged to get an animal so that we could get some daily exercise – I understand that many of you are to be congratulated as your pets have produced off-spring. You do realize that the gestation of an elephant is approximately 18 to 22 months ... so, what's an extra bale of hay and your gardens must be very healthy and colorful by now. Way to go – animal lovers!

We had 32 members come out and enjoy The Colonels' repast. We had a huge birthday cake as we all had a birthday somewhere along with way. **Bob Donovan** got the biggest piece as he celebrated his 100th natal day. There were those who broke the 95th mark – **Bob Ahrens** (his daughter Christine accompanied him,) **Ella Mae Donovan**, **Emily Turner** and **Jan Pietrzyk** helped blow out the candles. We also had anniversaries of note: **Bob & Ella Mae Donovan** with 73 years, new members **Charlie & Josie Esqueda** 61 years (they have indicated that they will do the Auditors job pending clearing some pesky medical procedures, they will join **John Bogdanoff**, current Auditor,) **Gene & Carol Walter** 57 years, **Peter & Kathy Cooper** 47 years and the youngsters, **Bill & Diane Heinrich** with 48 years. If I missed anyone, let me know

and we will congratulate you belatedly.

President **Vera Kina** dragged out the sleepy duck horn and tooted us to order. Our Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and moments of silence remembering those people who have kept us safe, first (second and third) responders and those who have gone before us. Vera received word from our Blue Bird room rental people at the William Walker Recreational Center in Foster City that our meetings for the remainder of the year are set. Mark your calendars for the 4th Mondays of the month, our hours are 10:00am to 1:00pm – the Board meets at 10:00am and members are welcomed at 11:00am. For those of you who couldn't make the meeting, please consider joining us these next few months – we miss you.

We will be collecting yearly 2022 dues shortly. The Board passed a motion to raise the dues to \$20 per member (that's about \$1.67 a month – isn't that the amount we will get in our giant raise with Social Security? such a bargain!) So save those dimes and nickels and join the camaraderie of new (and old) friends. **Peter Cooper**, our Treasurer, will accept dues starting in October and November this year. Checks are to be made out to UAL Retirees and given, or mailed, to **Peter Cooper** (address 1583 Roberta Dr., San Mateo, CA 94403.)

Our special thanks go out to **Gene Walter** who has served on the Board for many years – he is stepping down – job well done! **Bert Niedermaier** has accepted the job of Historian as **Jim Goodwine** recently passed away. Jim would remind us how old our group was – he and **Helen** traveled with us far and wide and made delightful traveling companions. We still would love to have someone volunteer for the Vice President and Secretary chairs – these are not difficult jobs so please ... raise your hand!

Harriet Kunze ran around selling raffle tickets – our thanks to those who donated goodies. **Barbara Underhill** remains the Membership coordinator – she works at the Voter Registration station in San Mateo so might miss a meeting – I know you all voted! It was good to see **Dee Peters**, **Kathy Hutt**, **Shirley Kensinger**, **Lydia Rolfe** and **Pat Ortega** nosing down that cake. Nice to see **Norm & Colleen Wood** back with us. As you can see, most of those high-lighted names were in attendance at our Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner. We missed **Patricia Niland** as her bathroom plumbing had her knee-high in hip boots – (“Yes-sir-ree, we'll be there between the hours of 9am-3pm to fix your little problem – not to worry!”) They probably arrived at 2:52pm – which seems to be the norm for those fixer-upper people.) **Ginger Dahlberg** says all trips and tours are on hold for time being – got someplace that sounds like a fun thing to do? Let her know – the difficult problem now is getting bus transportation.

Meetings for the remainder of the year are as follows:

- ▲ September 27 – Annual Picnic – Ribs and such. \$10 per member, \$15 for guests. Pay at the door – if you get this before the meeting please RSVP to **Ginger Dahlberg** (650) 224-1865 so we can plan accordingly (we announced this at the August meeting.)

- ▲ October 25 – Pot Luck – bring your goodies for all to enjoy. Singles bring enough for 4, couples bring enough for 8.
- ▲ November 22 – BYOBL – hit up your local Deli or sandwich shop and “Bring your own bag Lunch.”
- ▲ December 8 – We continue to stay in Touch with The Fish Market – several other restaurants have been suggested – will let you know – save the date as we will do something to celebrate the holidays. Santa needs to know where to find us!

Our hearts go out to the families of members who passed away these past months: **Ben Vietz**, **Rex Reelfs**, **Jim Goodwine** and **Walter Kina**. **Linda**, **Margaret** and **Helen** please join us at our meetings. We have missed **Art & Linda Barrett** – medical problems keep them home-bound. **Ralph & Bernice Trullinger** (both celebrated their 90th birthdays this year) need to be close to their Assisted Living home.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

Jane Gibson

Secretary

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Hot August Nights – that's the theme that **Bill & Linda Dinette** chose for our August luncheon/meeting. Seems fitting – wouldn't you say? 28 of our members were able to congregate at the Coloma Club Bar & Grill. Recommend this to anyone looking for a casual place to enjoy a good meal. August might not be a month when eating outside would be comfortable – as in “**hot**”! But the tables for our group were nicely nestled under giant oak trees, the weather wasn't like Hades and there was a breeze to boot! Worked out beautifully! Thank you for putting this together – oh, and they really decorate the tables to the top! I don't know where Bill (or Linda?) finds those cool old cars, but they are sure fun.

The “usual questions” were overlooked! But that's okay ... I see that **Tom & Gerry Boyle** celebrated their 57th anniversary in August. I want to apologize to **Geoff & Louise Ridsdale** for missing their 44th anniversary last month! Congratulations to both couples! As for Birthdays, well, if you have one of those annual events in August – Happy Birthday!

President ~ **Bill Dinette** didn't have any “tidbits” of info for us this month. The topic of Aetna came up and he

said that since each state has its own policy with them, it is difficult to share any general information. If you do have any problems or questions, go to your medical book and call the appropriate number. He also brought some paraprofessionals to share – I'll put some of them at the end of the minutes. Thank you, Bill, you're one of a kind!

Vice President ~ Rudy Blazius is always on the ball – no, we don't use the raffle balls any longer! Anyway, he checked with us all to be sure we got the "blue" ticket if we brought an item for our raffle – good thing, a few hadn't! He also made sure we all had an opportunity to buy our red raffle tickets so we could win! He did a quick "survey" to see if we were in agreement (we were) that if you bring more than one item to be raffled, then you should get a "blue" ticket for each item. In case you don't know, a "blue" ticket is drawn right before the raffle begins and whoever has the matching number gets \$20! Worth it!

Treasurer ~ Tom Kenny wasn't able to join us today, but lovely wife, **Suzie**, brought us his report. Our checking balance is looking soooooo much better! Holding the raffle again sure does make a difference. And, all our members have their annual dues in! Thank you everyone. I will get the roster organized and sent soon.

Secretary ~ Jane Gibson didn't have anything to bring to the table. However, I did remind everyone that next month, September, we will start talking about who you want to elect as your officers in 2022. We take official nominations in October and vote in November. (Can you believe we are getting so close to the end of another year?) I will also bring to each meeting our sign-up sheet for hosting in 2022. If you have a particular month you just love to host, let me know and I will put your name down for that month. We did have a need for someone to host this November. Thank You, Gina, for taking that on for us.

Sunshine ~ Suzie Kenny shared a note that **Holly Hilton** enclosed with her dues check. It goes: "*Dear Tom and Suzanne,*

Here is your very small dues check.

It was wonderful to hear the news of the group. It is wonderful that you are keeping it together with such a lovely group of people.

It is wonderful where I am though noisy as is city life. Something I am not used to. I am a block from the Med (iterrain), so that brings in the magic of being here.

I am working on my Spanish so going through the bureaucracy is not tourist English but good Spanish. Shame I was so lazy before I left. Thank goodness I had a foundation of not only having used it with Pan Am but also with it having many similarities to French.

Give my best to everyone.

Stay well and have a wonderful summer.

Hugs, Holly"

It is great to hear that you're doing well, Holly. For those of you who may not know, Holly has moved to Marbella, Spain.

Also, so very glad to see you at the luncheon, **Lindalee**, and looking very well.

Historian ~ Pati Kenney brought two of our albums so we could browse through them. She would prefer that her position be handled by a new person next year. So, if you would like to take care of our history for us, let someone know so you can be nominated in a couple months.

Contributions ~ Diana Bell raised the question about our December luncheon. Luckily **John Muir** was here today and will check on use of the American Legion Hall for us. As you know, this luncheon is usually catered and we, as a group, help with decorations and setting up/taking down.

Rudy mentioned that he and Bill D. are bartenders at the American Legion Hall on the weekends. Everyone is welcome even if you are not a member. But, you can become a member for only \$45 a year. The group is very friendly and is open to all who have served in our military.

Okay, here are a few of Winston Churchill's loved paraprofessionals – which are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected:

- ☺ Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- ☺ Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear extremely bright until you hear them speak.
- ☺ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- ☺ Wife to husband – I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- ☺ A clear conscience is clearly a sign of a fuzzy memory.
- ☺ Our generation was told we should always respect our elders, however, it's getting harder and harder for us to find one.


Okay, I think that is about it for this luncheon. We will be dining at Los Pinos in September! **Doe Pope** has set this up for us. It will be a Mexican cuisine buffet! We will need to prepay for this one, folks. I'll be handling that part for Doe. Doe does want you to know that the room/area we will be seated in is up some stairs.

Winner of the "blue" ticket – **Bill Dinette**! Thank You to all who brought items for the raffle: **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Dinette** – table decorations; **Biro** – jam; **Kenny** – (fresh) peaches; **Bell/Duncan** – tomatoes/cucumbers/peaches; **Kenney** – crock and flower arrangement; **Kenney** – succulent; **Kozelka** – aloe plant; **Barton** – flamingo ice packs; **Gibson** – scarf/shawl; **Blazius** – plate; **Martin** – wine; **Martin** – storage containers.

While August is the month without a "special" day, it is a month that brings so much into our lives. As you see from the donations for the raffle, gardens are going bonkers right now. For us, it's peach season with plenty of tomatoes, okra, cucumbers, zucchini, peppers of all kinds, strawberries, onions, garlic, radishes, carrots, (some) lettuce, weeds, lizards everywhere and so many beautiful flowers to enjoy. In fact, this is a little late getting to you because when the peaches ripen you have to take care of them pronto! 5 batches of peach jam in the garage!

We are praying that all of you are safe, I have heard that some may have had to evacuate because of the fire(s)

nearby. Please, please, stay safe – each and every one of you are special.

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The San Diego ReSans group had a great breakfast turnout of twenty seven attendees of which six were new attendees. It was so great to see everyone, even the members we haven't seen since the Covid breakout.

Greg Krok just returned from an Alaska tour with his family and it went smoothly; no complications with either his flight or on the cruise.

We have two birthdays to celebrate in October: **Rosario Zepeda** (10/6) and **JoAnne Iwasaki** (10/9).

A very warm welcome to our new retirees, **Beverly Witte, Elizabeth Allmaras, Sherri Powell, Anne Heinz, and Martie Attanasio.**

Diana Huffman has returned to San Diego after retiring and living in Arkansas. She has now moved back to San Diego and it will be good to see her again among our United family.


We are looking forward to seeing you at our Convention at the Dana Hotel on Mission Bay. The dates are September 28th thru October 2nd. Many fun events and tours have been planned for your enjoyment, I will give you report in the next issue of RUAEA Newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in our lovely San Diego!

Calendar:

September 28 - October 2 – RUAEA Convention, Dana on Mission Bay

October 7 - Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café

<p>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS</p> 	<p>SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS Sacramento, CA Ron Bertacini Secretary bertacini@surewest.net</p>
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The Gold Diggers met at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Roseville on August 25th with 23 members and one guest in attendance. The guest was **Colleen Esola**, a previous long time member and Past President. It was great to see her again. The luncheon was hosted by **Barbara & Ron Bertacini** and we were served by a very efficient server, Melissa. We tried something different in that our members could order off the menu and have separate checks. This

process took a little long but allowed for more social interaction. In the past, we had made our orders ahead of time and paid in advance with only one check on the day of luncheon. Please let us know if there is a preference.

Our Vice President advised that there would be no luncheon/meeting in September due to the RUAEA Convention in San Diego. The October luncheon/meeting will be hosted by **Judie King** at Sizzlers in Auburn on October 27th. Please, please advise Judie if you plan to attend either by phone or email at (530) 477-2078 or Judiekng@yahoo.com. We will send a reminder as the date gets closer.

Our Secretary reported on several wedding anniversaries in August and a couple in September. **Trudy & Lance Engeldinger** (46 yrs.), **Ruth & Karl Stammnitz** (65 yrs.), **Rosemary & Daniel Figueroa** (65 yrs.), **Marie & Skip Jenkins** (60 yrs.), **Stephanie & Ken Norton** (60 yrs.), and **Veronica & Francis Domaratius** (36 yrs.)

Treasurer **Judie King** advised that the chapter is still solvent.

Our Sunshine Lady, **Angie Dellinger**, reported that she had been in touch with members we have not seen in a while and that some are not ready to venture out and others have been traveling. We all have concerns for our member and RUAEA Director **Sonda Sandstedt**, whose grandson's wife is deployed in Afghanistan.

President **Dave Garland** enlightened us the historic birthdays also major happenings on this date. He also brought us up to date on industry news, especially the news that our government has activated Civil Reserve Air Fleet, CRAF for domestic air carriers to provide planes to assist in the evacuation of civilians from Afghanistan and that United is part of that program. Also some aviation news for August 25th: The first international flight from London to Paris and Amelia Earhart's transcontinental flight.

There was no 'old business' or any 'new business'. There was only one birthday for August, **Ken Norton** who still had to roll the dice to get a little extra money. There was a quick raffle with some members taking home some adult beverages.

Dave left us with some parting sayings! What did the plow say to the tractor? Come close John ... Deere! Also why didn't the elephant use the computer? It was afraid of the mouse!

Then the thought for the day ... While forbidden fruit may be sweeter, it spoils faster!

We ended with a group photo for the RUAEA Newsletter!





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

We would like to extend an invitation to all retirees to attend our luncheon meetings. If you would like information about our Chapter, the San Joaquiners, please contact our President **Steve Foster**, (209) 328-1210. We are a small group of very friendly people and we would love for you to join us



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Well our last meeting, the second in person, got a bit confusing as members arrived. Apparently another group simply began using the room, which was reserved for us. At any rate, the manager did make accommodations for us and continued to do so, as our group continued to grow as most of us were already seated.

Despite the issues, this was a great meeting, with 20 people in attendance. Looks like this was a good decision, not only go back to Holders, have it at 1000, but once a month. Those of you who feel safe and have not made a meeting yet, should consider joining us on the first Monday of each month. Of course our September meeting will be a BYOB at Vasona.

Birthdays included **Ben Scales**, **Ann Olthof** and **Josie Rogers**. Anniversaries celebrated in September were; **Phil & Gail Moorhead**; **Kal & Mary Kaplin**; **Al & Mary Rodgers** and yours truly, **George & Julie Midwin**.

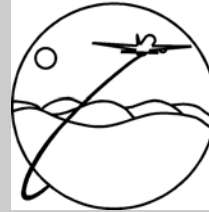
Don't forget, our December Christmas luncheon will be at the Scottish Rite Temple event center. This will be a scaled down event from years past, although we may consider holding some type of an auction to help keep our finances in order.

Keep in mind that we are looking for officers to continue leading our chapter. Please consider taking on one of the positions, particularly the president role, as Chuck may be moving on. If you haven't ever held a position, or it's been forever since you have, think about it.

Preparing to go to the convention. Our group will be well represented and we all look forward to having a great time. All of us plan to drive and pleased that the hotel has waived the parking fees.

If you are in the area, please drop by Holders Restaurant in Cupertino, on the first Monday of every month, beginning at 1000.

SOLANO FLYERS



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

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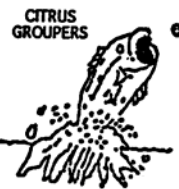
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President **Don Burbank** opened our meeting with 14 in attendance. We continue to meet for lunch on the first Thursday of each month.

Our 50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter this month are **Ray Shoults** (3x), **Gail Levato** and **Yumi Trujillo**.

Our next meeting will be October 7th at 11:00 AM at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City, 5271 E. 52nd Ave., Commerce City, CO 80022; (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52nd and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70, exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

FLORIDA



THE CITRUS GROUPERS THE VILLAGES

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There is no report this month from the Citrus Groupers chapter of RUAEA. If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at wopahofl@comcast.net or **Rich Capozzi** at rcapozzi@rocketmail.com.





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Our new lunch/meeting location, Denny's on T. G. Lee Blvd, right by the airport, was just the shot in the arm (no pun intended!) that the Real McCoys apparently needed! 24 folks gathered in their private room, with a dedicated server, Anna, for a very chatty lunch. Who, you ask? The Garden Club & Ladies, **Linda Agnello, Patti Clark, Laurie Bork, Maureen Sterinsky, Retta Finn, Diane Lewis, and Elaine Tillman-Mannella.** The Guys Club of Al Fields, **Tom Cannata, Ken Michels, Mack Chandler and Angel Montalvo.** And the Twosomes of **Ernest & Cheryl Vosges and Ted & Charlotte LeGrand** and special welcome back and so happy to see you to **Pat & Jim Hernandez, Mary McNeill** and niece Pat, **Cliff & Jerry Hill, and Dick & Cathy Benson.**

President Ernie opened the meeting with the Pledge, as always, and asked members to remain standing for a moment of silence for the sad and shocking August 27th passing of member **Jim Mummah** and for the terrible 20th Anniversary of 9/11 on Saturday. Where did the time go? Prayers that it **never** happens again ... We are all saddened by **Jim Mummah's** sudden passing. Jim was waiting for a knee replacement, so we had not seen him since May, but he was a loyal regular at our monthly meetings. As he wished, Jim will be cremated. Janet and his children, Greg and Cathy, plan to have his remains inurned at The Cape Canaveral National Cemetery's Memorial Wall in Mims, FL. Jim would have been happy with that decision – he was a proud Vietnam Veteran. Jim's home address: 1007 Pinehurst Ct., Orlando, FL. 32765.

Treasurer Charlotte took the floor to give the financial report, sad as it is L. We did manage to pay the \$500 deposit to hold Maggiano's for our Christmas Party to be held on December 7th at Noon. The Chapter cannot subsidize the luncheon this year, so make plans to attend ... for the low, low price of \$40/per person, including appetizer, entrée, dessert and coffee; and **fun!** All reservations and monies must be received by the Treasurer by November 2nd. **Char LeGrand**, 1719 Branchwater Trail, Orlando, FL 32825. Private room holds 50 max. Hint! So, make your plans and write your checks (made out to Charlotte) to attend the Christmas Celebration!

September Birthday wishes to **Charlotte LeGrand** on September 17th. Huge Anniversary Congrats to **Tom & Peg Cannata**, celebrating 54 years on September 10th!

And a hugs blanket of prayers for all in our United Family, both those we know about and those we don't. God Bless you all with good health or a return to it.



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



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The Sand Dollars won't be meeting until October, but anyone looking for information on our group may contact **Ginger Hyde** at ASDIP920@aol.com, or phone (941) 360-6671.



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The Tampa Bay Chapter will be meeting on Monday Sept 13th at IHOP since this month's first Monday is Labor Day.

Our prayers are with our Military and Remember 9/11.

Calendar:

October 4 - Fall Picnic, 11:00AM, Anderson Park Shelter #4. Anyone can come early to help set up.



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

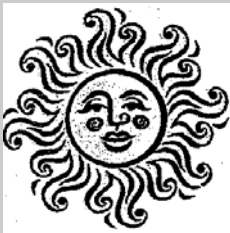
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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


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



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

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BOISE GEMS
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Our next official meeting of the Boise Gems will be in October. Membership will be notified of when, where, and time for this meeting at a later date.

In the meantime, we hope everyone stays healthy and well. Please pray for all the firefighters to stay safe while putting out the horrible fires all over this grand nation.



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October—Such a pretty month, the leaves turning, air is clear. It's one of my favorite months. I'm glad all those hot days are behind us. Don't you just stop doing things when it's so humid and over 95? I really slow down, I'm like a sloth on Ambien. It takes me all day to do nothing, something like a unicorn in training. Not my time of the year, bad day to leave a box of Fannie May in the car. Whooee, big mistake. That would never be me.

I think most Illinoisans know Long Grove, beautiful little town northwest of Woodfield, known for its quaint little shops and restaurants. There is an iconic covered bridge there in the middle of town. For some reason trucks don't read the signs that give the height restrictions. It was built in 1906, was rehabbed in 1981, and has been hit many times since. In August of 2020, it went through major repairs from a crash. Since then, it has been hit 15 times. In order to get the truck extricated, they had to deflate the tires and pull out the truck. Holy Moly, they're going to have to put up bigger signs or flashing lights. People come from everywhere just to see the 'cute little bridge'. **Ken & Sandra Brownlee** were married there many years ago.

October flower is the marigold and the cosmos, the gem is the beautiful opal and tourmaline. Holidays celebrated are Columbus Day on the 11th this year, also my favorite, Halloween, where I can be somebody else for the day, not sure who that will be this year. Even we have a good one on the 1st, International Day for the Elderly, go to lunch with an old friend.

It's also Breast Cancer Awareness, Cookie, Pizza, Seafood and Popcorn Month. I raise my glass to all of them. Special days are Mad Hatter, Bald and Free, Moldy Cheese, Pasta, Black Cat, Mother-in-Law, Navy, and Nut Day. Hope you can find something in there that you can relate to.

Our Northside breakfast had six people, **Jim Sommerfield, Ginny Vlach, Toni VanKampen, Dave Dunham, Marsha Seacock-Weber**, and me.

Southside breakfast included **Bill Corbett, Sylvester Gant, Gwen Brookins, Barb Wesemann**, and yours truly.

ORDMM mechanics had **Jim Kraft, Frank Wenig, Fred Seibert, Rich Protsman, LB Neal, Vic Liltz**, me, and our 'haven't seen in a while', **Cas Paprocki** and **Gene Hale**. ORDMM OM's breakfast welcomed **Bob Smietanski, Glenn Hill, Tom Abraham, Stan Chmielewicz, Ann Pepper**, and **Jan Gawenda**.

IAM Lodge 1487 had 66 members enjoying a Meet and Eat Day. We all brought delicacies from entrées, to salads, and desserts. Plus seeing old friends is always the joy of the day. **Diane Gallogly** came back after a procedure, always smiling, helping behind the scenes, along with **Ellen Thiede**, **Judy Bugos**, and **Mary Alice Parker**. Also, on the Re-Arrangement committee (clean up) **Dave Roderick**, **Rick Kulovitz**, and **Larry Parker**.

I have some interesting information to pass on to you. **Loretta Howard** asked about our Res Building parking for ORD. Yes, we still are allowed to park in the Res lot on Touhy Avenue. Our spaces are as always, to the right of the building, a sign, WHQ PARKING, is still there, no changes. (Thanks, **Rich Holke**) I called the American Cab Company so this is right from the horse's mouth. When you get to the lot, call them at 800-244-1177, tell them where you are, they normally pick up at the front door, but if you have a lot of luggage, or are disabled, tell them, they might help you, no promises, ok? Don't misquote me. The charge to ORD has increased, it is now \$16.00 to the terminal, they drop off at the upper level marked 'Departures'. When you return from your trip, call the same number, they will pick you up at Door 1G, lower level. The charge going back is \$16.00, but \$21.00, if it's after 7:00 P.M. It's best to call as soon as you get your luggage, or on your walk to 1G. Depending on the time of day, you could wait five minutes, or an hour. (That's from personal experience). Now that we're traveling again, I hope this helps you.

Speaking of flying, passengers can now choose their meals. Five days before departure, but not less than 24 hours, UAL will send an email for any flights eligible for preorder. Or they can go to united.com/preordermeals and log in with the reservation number. Customers look at the menu, choose their meal, don't forget to 'save', then the flight attendant will confirm their choice when they get on the flight. I tried to find out if this includes us on a 20% positive space ticket, but couldn't get the info. Sounds like if you get an email within five days of departure, you're in.

Another important notice is concerning our Northside Breakfast at Elly's. Since the pandemic, Elly's, and other restaurants, have had a staffing problem. In order to alleviate that and better utilize their help, they'll be closing on Wednesdays. We decided to move our meeting date to Thursdays until their business and staffing problem improves. Moving to another restaurant seemed more confusing, so for now, plan on meeting with us on Thursday mornings, at 8:30 A.M. We all hope Elly's makes out ok, and can continue business as usual. October 14th is our next breakfast.

Just a warning, those nasty scammers are out again. I received many calls from Hospitals, from everywhere, not just Illinois. Don't be fooled, they are lying, nobody needs your help, a small hospital in Broken Bone, Nebraska is not calling for you, about Uncle Earl.

Good news, I've been in contact with **Mila Walker**, **Joan Anderson**, **Marlene Koerner**, **Bill Saltzman**, they're all alive and say hello. Joan turned 93 last month,

and our old friend, **Harold Ogle**, turned 101. Isn't that great? Congratulations, and many more candles on your cake. Good health to everyone! Speaking of good health, one of my favorite singers for decades, Tony Bennett, is retiring at 95. If it were up to him, he would go on singing, but he has dementia, and well, we all know he cannot continue the grueling schedule he'd have to keep to perform. Thank you for all that beautiful music and your voice forever. San Francisco thanks you for that fabulous song, that brought millions of visitors to their magical city by the Bay. My first pass was to SFO, my heart was opened to travel for my lifetime. I went there for the day many times.

Barb Hanson, president of the UAL Legacy Foundation, Archives Volunteer Assignments, and Chicago Conservation Center, is looking for volunteers to help her put together various souvenirs and memorabilia acquired over the years from employees and United. She's listed what she's looking for. I hope we can help accommodate her. There are two different groups she has.

First Event Name: United Airlines Legacy Foundation (UALF) and Archives Volunteer Assignments (various)

Number of Openings: 4-6 permanent volunteers needed depending on number of hours a volunteer can commit to

Work Description: Researching inquiries from journalists requesting info about UA and CO history as well as requests from within the company using existing archive material or internet searches. Inventory of Archive library assets in Excel or similar database. Processing donations of memorabilia, logging processed donation information into various fields in an established database. Scanning flat objects such as ads, photos, posters, postcards, books, etc. Categorizing documents and filing. Assembling artifacts on loan or for display and prep of associated legal documentation. Organization of collection at new facility. Ordering office and archive supplies

Training will be provided, please wear your mask while in the facility

Qualifications: Good typing skills. Flexibility to change tasks as needs change. Willingness to learn. Light lifting periodically required

Location: United Airlines Legacy Foundation and Archives, Pickens Kane Moving and Storage, 410 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, IL 60654

Parking: One visitor space available per day per shift; metered street parking with (ParkChicago) app

Transportation: Via bus, train, or car

Event Schedule: Tuesday or Thursday only. Minimum 3 hours a day, one day a week. Hours – 2 shifts - 9am-noon or noon-3pm (volunteer can opt for 1 or 2 shifts on selected day)

Event Duration Starting: September 7, 2021 – ongoing

Contact: **Barbara Hanson** (UALF President) (872) 825-3655 (only manned on Tuesday and Thursday, effective 9/30/2021) for both volunteer openings.

Second Event Name: United Airlines Legacy Foundation (UALF) volunteer project at Chicago Conservation Center (CC)

Event Description: Sorting vintage United negatives of varying sizes by decade/year. Most negatives have identification on the negative holder from 1926-early 2000s. These items are in various stages of deterioration and you will be trained to identify those at most risk by the professional conservators at the Conservation Center. Example: Some will show signs of cracking or emit a vinegar smell, etc. Latex/non latex gloves will be provided

Number of volunteers needed: 2 volunteers per day per shift on Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. CC would like to have volunteers commit to the same schedule each week for the duration of the project

Training, Please wear your mask while in the facility: Ideally, The Conservation Center (CC) would like all the volunteers to be trained prior to the work commencing. Date to be determined once volunteers are signed up. The training will take approximately 20 -30 minutes.

Location: The Conservation Center (CC), 400 N. Wolcott, Chicago, IL 60622

Parking: CC Parking Lot (limited); street parking

Transportation: Via bus, train, or car

Event Schedule: Starting September 8 thru December 29, 2021, Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday. 1 or 2 shifts per day per person (3 hour shifts) 10am-1pm; 1pm-4pm – Volunteers can opt for 1 or 2 shifts on their selected day

Requirements: Ability to commit for the duration of the project at least one day per week. Access to public transportation in Chicago and/or a car.

Our friends that flew West last month include, from ORDMM, **Ken Kofink**, **Wyn Webster's** wife **Jean**, and their son, **Win Jr.**, **Nancy Zucco**, CHIRR and inflight training, **David Folkers**, from CHISS, **Larry Allen**, CHIDD, husband of **Dianne**, ORDFF.

The two most important days in your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why.

Also gone from our world, former Illinois Senator, Adlai Stevenson, actors, Ed Asner (Lou Grant), Markie Post (Night Court), Jane Withers (Giant), Juanita Moore (Imitation of Life), Jean-Paul Belmondo (Breathless), Chicago's own, Tony Esposito (Blackhawks), Angelo Caputo (grocery stores), entertainers, Tom T. Hall, Willard Scott (NBC Weatherman), Charlie Watts (Rolling Stones), and Don Everly (Everly Brothers), he and his brother Phil sure kept our toes tapping in the 50's. Wake up Little Susie, Dream, Bye Bye Love. The Rock and Roll section of heaven is welcoming another of the best. We send our prayers to the 13 USA soldiers that passed while in Afghanistan, and their families. God bless you and thank you for your service.

Every man dies, not everybody knows how to live.

Make sure you have enough batteries for your smoke alarms and clocks for the time change on November 8. Yes, it's that time again! Fall Backwards.

Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?

Calendar:

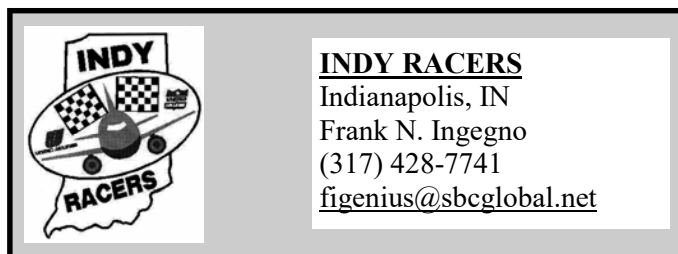
Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**October 14**). Second Thursday of the month.

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**October 26**). Last Tuesday of the month.

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

IAM 1487 Monthly Meeting, IAM 1487, 50 W. Oakton Ave., Mt. Prospect, (**October 7**) 11:00 A.M.

INDIANA



The Indy Racers August chapter meeting was held on August 11th. In attendance were **Bob & Myrtle Duty**, **Frank Ingegno**, **Frank & Rita Prins**, **Allan Miller** and **Hannelor Brabo**.

During this month's meeting we briefly discussed pre-planning our Christmas Lunch. This year we are considering not doing a banquet but instead just reserving tables, as needed, at a local restaurant. We will be discussing this at future meetings. No other business was discussed.

This month's 50/50 was won by **Alan Miller**. Alan then donated part of his winnings back to the chapter treasury. Thank you, Alan, for your generosity.

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

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


Our future meetings schedule:

- September 14 at Emmy's
- October 12 at Emmy's
- November 9 at Emmy's
- December 14 – Christmas Luncheon, Location to be determined.
- January 11, 2022 at Emmy's

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Due to Covid-19 outbreaks, we are not holding an October meeting. At this point, we're not sure of a Christmas luncheon. It looks like there are no activities for two years. Now, I'm beginning to worry if the Nor'Easters will remain intact!

I've had no contact with members and get no response when I request info for the Newsletter; the exception being our treasurer, **Bill Vanderwal** and **Mercedes Hersom**.

October birthdays ~ Norman Hudon and John Lagadinos.

There is no October anniversary.

Calendar:

Meeting canceled until ?


MICHIGAN



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There is no report this month from the Great Lakes Escapees chapter of RUAEA.

MINNESOTA



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In August, 24 Lites met at Perkins Restaurant in Forest Lake for a wonderful reunion after a year without getting together. I couldn't believe how normal everyone looked! After having weathered almost 18 months of the restrictions of Covid-19, I was kind of expecting my friends to look like deer in the headlights, startled, hesitant, and

scared. Nah! The resilience of human beings is awesome! We spent 2½ hours visiting, eating and visiting some more; **Mary Brennan** spearheaded the event and welcomed everyone. It was sooooo good to see those who were able to make it. Those who weren't there were discussed a bit, too.

The **Kelleys (Arlene & Joe)** and the **Glattlys (Connie & Rich)** both drive down from north-central MN and were late arriving because of a lane closure on the interstate that backed up traffic for miles. The strange thing was, once the bottleneck was passed, there didn't seem to be any reason for the lane closure! No workers, no MN DOT trucks, just clear sailing once again. Aarrghhh!


I heard from **Al Kilian** the other day. He & Mary are still muddling along as best as they can. Unfortunately, a program providing Mary with in-home help bathing, dressing, etc. has come to an end because her condition has stabilized! Now Al has had to scramble to find another agency to take up the slack, as he cannot safely handle her anymore. They celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary in September.

News from Iowa is that **Lee Storlie** has settled in nicely, likes his apartment and the amenities offered at the facility and is making new friends. With his gift of gab, how could he **not**? All he has to do is bring out some of those groaners he used to regale us with and he'll have a bunch of new buddies in a New York minute.

The September get together was scheduled at the Lucky 13 in Mendota which I'll (once again) have to report on in the next issue. Thanks to **Fred & Rita Stang** for making the arrangements!

Unfortunately, we will not have attended as we are just ending our isolation period after Rich contracted Covid. So much for being vaccinated, eh? Actually, maybe the vaccine helped temper the severity of it because he was feeling much better after about 3 days of "bad cold"-like symptoms. However, we had to cancel our fishing trip to Canada because of that darned virus ...

NEBRASKA



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



NEVADA



LAS VEGAS

SILVER LINERS

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I didn't send a chapter report last month because I was having Cataract Surgery in both eyes; I also came down with a case of pneumonia. Then my wife Georgia had left knee surgery again and I had to assist in her recovery. Also, I received no information from any of our members, except for one, as to what is happening in their lives so I am unable to report any member's updates. Our Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** has been in Vancouver, Washington with friends since she sold her house a few months ago. She will return soon at the end of August when her new home gets out of probate.

The board still plans to meet sometime in September to finalize our Luncheon details for October 14th Luncheon. Not much else to talk about since our State still has mask mandates for gatherings. So, we will see what happens in the next few months. It seems that the COVID virus is not going away without a fight to the very last.

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



RENO SIERRA ROUNDUP

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There were 12 members and 1 guest at our monthly meeting at the Black Bear Diner. Our guest was **Ruth Morabito**, Executive VP of RUEA. Ruth discussed the upcoming Convention and some of the tours and activities scheduled.

FedEx has announced it will be taking over the use of

the largest Boeing hanger at SEA to be used as an additional shipping hub on the West coast.

The PBGC has sent an email of changes that have been made to accounts. After registering, lots of new information will be available by email.

August birthdays were celebrated by **Dottie Robbins** and **Pat Zoboli**. The 50/50 winner was **Mary Withers**, who won a pot slightly bigger than normal thanks to a \$20 donation from **Ruth Morabito**.

The Annual SFO Maintenance gathering in Minden in late September has been cancelled due to the heavy haze of smoke from the Caldor fire. Hopefully, 2022 will be a better summer with fewer fires.

This will likely be our last Christmas Luncheon at the Tamarack Casino. Tamarack will honor our previous contract meaning: No change in prices, we can select choices from 3 entrées, the lunch will be plated, a no host, cash bar will be available and the minimum requirement is 30 people. **The minimum number is 30 paid.** I will be sending out the signups November 1 with reservations and payment due by about November 20. **If we do not have 30, we will have to cancel.** At this point, feel free to invite others to our luncheon and yes, their lunches will have to be paid by you or your guests. The cost to everyone is \$18.00PP.

Our next luncheon is Monday, Sept. 13 at the Black Bear Diner.

NEW JERSEY



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Our meeting opened with a flag salute and two moments of silence for the passing of **Fred Landsberg** of EWR Airfreight and **Andy Palmasano** of EWRMM. We had great memories from both of these gentlemen.

It was good to see **Mike Hanley** and **George & JoAnn Whitman** at the meeting. **Frank Kokaska** and **Bill Gula** gave an update as to what is happening at Newark. It seems however that the company is so short of people in Denver that they are offering substantial bonus money to transfer there. Who knew what all this Covid would do to employment.

Bill McKay won our 50/50, and our next meeting will be on September 29 in Scotch Plains.

From the great prophet Leroy ~ "It's better to tell a lie than the truth, provided you don't get caught."

NEW YORK



BUFFALO CHIPS

BUFFALO CHIPS

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

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



NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

NEW YORK METROS

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A very jubilant group of Metros (twenty-four to twenty-eight) met for the first time since March 2020. There was so much chatter and catching up that I could not gather any info for publication.

We skipped birthday and anniversary announcements, but here are the winners of the cash drawing of \$15 each: 1st place - **Mario Lagasi**; 2nd - **John Klos**; 3rd - **Kathy Richardson**.

We welcome new members **Don & Rosemarie Arnoni**, **Raymond Forster** and **Robert Cardenas**.

On a sad note, members **John Modugno** and **Ursula Koch** passed away. To those of you who worked at LGA, **Bob Nelson** also died—I would say rather unexpectedly—but I don't have any details.

I have to say it seems like quite a few of the Metros did a bit of traveling. There are some medical occurrences that I will elaborate on next month. Otherwise, everyone was pretty chipper and looking good. Very importantly, we will meet on October 13th, not the first Wednesday of the month as usual.

I'm racing to get this report sent before the tail end of Ida hits New York, with reports of two to six inches of rain, flooding and maybe a tornado! But Long Island seems to be spared the worst.

Remembering the victims of 9/11, especially those heroes on UAL Flight 93. Enjoy the rest of the summer. Be well.

Calendar:

October 13 - Davenport Press

OHIO



OHIO BUCKEYES

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Hello to Everyone!

On September 1st, we gathered at the Brown Derby in Middleburg Hts. As usual, we said "Grace" before the meal.

We had a total of 59 in attendance to enjoy the great food and service. How does Top Sirloin Steak, Baby Back Ribs, Broiled Tilapia, or Center-cut Pork Chop sound? Then add Colossal Sweet Potato, Baked Potato, Rice Pilaf, or Mixed Vegetables. Add salad, rolls with honey butter, yummy cake from Costco, and choice of beverage; and topped with Excellent Service. All for only \$23! We have the whole place to ourselves. And yes, everyone had a fantastic time. After the meal, we conducted our 50/50 drawing. There were 2 winners. We did celebrate our members' Birthdays (we sang "the song" to them), and Anniversaries where they tell us how long they have been married.

We are having good turnouts for our luncheons and I hope we will continue to enjoy meeting with all of you who have been attending. We have a lot of catching up to do, and I know many of you have expressed how happy you were to get out of the house and chat with friends again. Please be thoughtful of others, if you feel you have any of the Covid-19 symptoms, or been with someone who tested positive, we suggest that you get tested and quarantine yourself.

In the beginning of summer, we had our share of rain storms and high winds. Next it was temps in the 90's and no rain. So now ... Welcome to Fall! On September 2nd, the day after our luncheon we had it all hit us at once. Rain storms, really bad flooding, very high winds, trees down, and loss of power. And, the power was out for sometime. Yes, that was in just that one day. I would say, let's hope October is a much better month. But if it's anything like past years, we will have a "snow" storm.

Some of our members said to say hello and wish everyone good health. Many members that attend our luncheon are now using a cane or walker to get around. It's sad to see so many. We would like to thank all of our chapter members for what they do. We're very fortunate to have so many members that take part in helping with phone calls to those members without computers, hosting our luncheons, helping with the newsletter, or volunteering to be an officer. We have had many volunteers in the past that had to give it up for health reasons or moving to another state. We thank all our members for their help. And then there are the people that attend our luncheons, for without them, what's the point? Our main objective is to have fun, and we do.

Our last 3 luncheons/meetings are set up as follows:

- ▲ October 6 – Mahle's Restaurant and lounge – in Westlake
- ▲ November 3 – Fuji Grill n Buffet – in Parma
- ▲ December 1 – Christmas Party at "Williams On-The-Lake" – in Medina

We hope everyone stays safe, healthy and Covid free. We can all get through this if we all do our part. Happy Halloween to all!

If you are ever in the Cleveland area and are interested in attending a luncheon or special event that we have scheduled, please contact us through the email above.

OREGON



Our group has not yet been able to meet in person, since our meeting place has not re-opened, and with the surge of COVID cases there is little chance that it will happen soon. Sadly, we do have a few deaths to report this month.

Tommie Walker, retired PDXMM, died on July 8th after a long battle with multiple myeloma. Condolences can be sent to **Shirley Walker**, 920 SE 166th Place, Portland, OR 97233-4310.

Don Earnhart, retired PDXMM, died on July 6th after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. His memorial service was held at Willamette National Cemetery on September 13th.

Eugene Corbett, retired PDXCS, passed away on Wednesday, August 18th. We have not been informed of any service to be held.

Dick Miller, retired PDXCG, Ramp Serviceman also passed away on Wednesday, August 18th. He had been ill for some time with a heart condition. At this time, we have no other info.

I will officially bow out as the newsletter correspondent when meetings resume, since I will not be able to attend in person for the foreseeable future. In the meantime, I will continue to provide a little humor with a few tidbits of philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ Rod Sterling speaking: "Imagine, if you will, a world in which YouTube, Twitter and Facebook merge to become known as YouTwitFace.
- ☺ Did you know 14 muscles are activated when opening a bottle of wine? Fitness is my passion.
- ☺ Last night I told my spouse that I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on machines, and fluids from a bottle to keep me alive. She got

up and unplugged my computer, took my cell phone, and threw out my wine.

- ☺ I love water. Especially frozen into ice cubes. Blended with tequila. Okay, I love margaritas.
- ☺ Finally old enough to do what I want. Too tired now to actually do it.
- ☺ I really need to get into shape. Today I realized that if I got murdered, my chalk outline would be a circle.
- ☺ Sometimes, I shock myself with the smart stuff I say and do. Other times, I try to get out of the car with my seat belt on.
- ☺ My body creaks so much; my doctor just wrote me a prescription for WD-40.
- ☺ I am a master multitasker. I can Listen, Ignore, and Forget all at the same time!
- ☺ I am so lucky that people cannot hear what I am thinking!
- ☺ I keep hitting 'Escape' on my computer keyboard, but I'm still here.
- ☺ I don't avoid housework. In fact, I see it all the time. We're just not speaking to each other right now.
- ☺ I really don't mind getting old, but my body is having a major hissy fit.
- ☺ I wonder what the part of my brain that used to store people's phone numbers is doing nowadays.
- ☺ I want to be 14 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.
- ☺ Hey, remember when you didn't need coffee to function and buying jeans didn't make you cry? Good times.
- ☺ When I was young, I used to watch The Wizard of Oz and wonder if someone could really talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got social media.
- ☺ I always start my diet on the same day ... Tomorrow.
- ☺ I don't know why men go to bars to meet women. Go to Target. The ratio of women to men is 10-1 and they are already looking for things they don't need. Follow me for more life hacks.
- ☺ So, how do I stop eating chips and salsa? Do they run out, or do I die, or what?
- ☺ They say the meaning of life can be discovered in a fine bottle of wine ... I haven't found that bottle yet, but I am enjoying the search!
- ☺ I've reached the age where my train of thought often leaves the station without me.
- ☺ Rabbits jump and they live for 8 years. Dogs run and live for 15 years. Turtles do nothing and live for 150 years. Lesson learned.
- ☺ Why is everyone at the gym asking me why I am sitting on a stationary bike? Isn't it obvious? I'm going downhill dudes!

Calendar:


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

PENNSYLVANIA



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



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On August 25, we held our first luncheon since the pandemic started last year. There were 20 in attendance including a few escorts who assured safe travels for their family members. Our Secretary, **Julie McConaghy** did an outstanding job on the invitation design and coordinating the meal request.

Our President **Dave Beatty** introduced us to his shiny new toy, Mr. Microphone, which was a great help since most of us can't hear. It was wonderful to see **Russ Miller** who has returned from the North Carolina Mountains and is living in the Pittsburgh area once again. **Mary Jane Stewart** gave an update on the upcoming Convention and the state of RUAEA. Our host restaurant, J. W. Halls, provided a gift certificate in memory of **Jeri Juth**; she may be gone but certainly not forgotten.

Treatie Karwoski was looking forward to being there but was not able to make it at the last minute. We all missed her and decided to take some pictures and sent them to her.

We are planning a Holiday luncheon the first part on December, date to be determined.

A good time was had by all and it was great to see one another.

A sad late addition, **Bill Redfern**, who looked so good at the luncheon, passed away Monday August 30th. He will sadly be missed.

August Birthdays ~ Pat Wagner and Sandy Burns.

September Birthdays ~ Olga Karmazin, Gerry McDonough and Diane Weber.

September Anniversaries ~ Jack & Betty Tinney.

TENNESSEE




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


UTAH



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

WASHINGTON



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It was a successful event on August 10, when about 35 (everyone socialized and even during lunch it was difficult to get a definite count) Emerald City Slickers gathered at the lakefront home of **Kathi Skarbo** in Burien, meeting for the first time since March 2020. Always the consummate hostess, Kathi, as in the past, was prepared with tables and chairs in the shade, which was much appreciated on one of those red-hot days during the Seattle area's super-hot, record-breaking summer.

Instead of the previously publicized catered barbecue, which had turned into a super-expensive plan, several chapter members took the bull by the horns to provide the beef (barbecued pork), chicken, and several delicious salads and dessert. Our thanks are owed to picnic organizers **Bonnie Frey, John Haferbecker, Ken Storey, and Kathie Torgison**, with gratitude to their spouses (**Fred Frey, Addy Haferbecker, Judy Storey, and Gary Tor-**

gison) who tended to details and helped assemble and deconstruct tables and chairs. **Ken Tank** was visible while helping to serve and clean up.

While everyone was excited to meet and greet after the long hiatus, the ongoing COVID crises has prompted us to curtail any plans to reorganize monthly meetings. It's likely that the Seattle RUAEA chapter will not meet formally again until 2022.

Local obituaries have informed us of the deaths of two former United employees. **Marcia Hope Aure** died unexpectedly August 8 at the age of 73, while **Barbara Harper** (SEARR) had passed away at the age of 75 on August 1 following a 19-year battle against cancer.

Marcia Aure earned a nursing degree from the University of Hawaii and later became a flight attendant, flying for Pan Am from 1968-1986. She continued her flying career at United, retiring in 2012. Besides flying professionally, Marcia had worked occasionally at a local airpark and earned her commercial pilot's rating and instrument license. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, **Martin Aure**, her children, stepchildren, and grandchildren.

Barbara Harper grew up as a "Navy Brat," living mainly in Connecticut and Georgia, joining United Airlines in 1968 as a Reservations Agent. She worked for UAL in New York, Boston, Chicago and ending in Seattle. She is survived by her partner, **Tom McFarlan**. They enjoyed 41 years of living, working, and traveling with homes along the way in Seattle, Chicago, Indian Wells, California and finally Sonoma.

We extend our condolences to the extended families of both women.

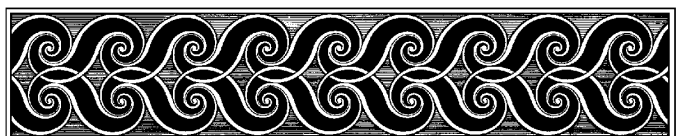
After the more solemn remembrance of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedies, we look forward to the levity of October's Halloween celebrations. Stay safe from those ghosts and goblins who might ring your doorbell in search of the tastiest treats.

Happy Haunting – and have an Amazing Autumn!




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The article this month is a cautionary tale. I am recovering from Covid. Yes, I am fully vaccinated. This is called "break through Covid." This is a minor attack as opposed to what would have happened if the vaccine had not protected me. It did not attack my lungs, which was a blessing; it did, however, attack everything else. I had a constant headache, a low-grade fever, an upset stomach, aching bones and total lethargy. I am recovering but it was a full 3 weeks of being ill.

Everyone asks, "Where did you catch it?" That is a good question. I went on a cruise (with 4 others) where everyone was vaccinated. I flew to SEA from IAD (with Pam). I spent a night in a hotel in SEA (with Pam and Betsy). The three of us boarded the ship and later had dinner (with Elaine & Gary.)

Pam and I shared a cabin and Betsy had the adjoining cabin. Elaine & Gary had a cabin on a higher deck. We all wore masks except when we were eating or drinking. Everyone on the ship followed the rule.

On the 15th, we all went to SEA airport. Pam got on a flight to San Diego. Elaine & Gary spent all day at the airport but did not get on a flight until the next morning. Betsy and I gave up and went to a hotel for the night. At 5 am the next morning, we took the shuttle to the airport and took a flight to ORD. There we sat all day until I was able to catch a flight to DCA at 6pm and Betsy went on to BHM an hour later.

Betsy and I both tested positive for Covid days later. The other three all tested negative, soooo, was it the cruise or the airport or the plane?

It doesn't really matter. Covid is every where. We cannot let our guards down. I thought we were all so careful, still it caught two of us. So grateful we had been vaccinated. Yet, we must have let our guards down somewhere.

Please get vaccinated. Please follow all CDC Guidelines. Please stay well and protect those you love.



NATIONAL



CLIPPED WINGS

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Written by Peggy Griffin, Clipped Wings National President

Hello RUAEA,

With Fall just around the corner, our Clipped Wings is starting a new fiscal year. We hope to bring in new members to many of our Chapters even though we are still in a Covid situation. Our hope is to be able to have in-person meetings on a regular basis. Now that the FDA has approved the Pfizer vaccine, we are hoping all of our members will be vaccinated so they can join in the meetings and luncheons.

Our Clipped Wing Web Team has added a new Facebook page; it is our Facebook Business page. We will be able to showcase individual Chapters and talk about the charities they support. It is proving to be a very informative way to communicate. It is called the "United Airlines Stewardess Alumnae & Flight Attendants, Inc." This will be in addition to our regular "Clipped Wings Chat Corner" of Facebook.

Our Theme this year is "Continuing the Connection". With Covid making it difficult to be connected we still need to find a way to find the fun. So, we are doing the best we can.

Happy Halloween everyone, hope you have a very spook-tacular month and here is hoping we can get together soon for a bit of Oktoberfest!

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

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Letters & Notes



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

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WE HAVE RECEIVED 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.)

Barry Constantine, 3049 Via Romaza, Carlsbad, CA 92009

Hopefully this finds you and everyone in good health. I am so over this pandemic and hope we can start a normal existence again.

Unfortunately, it seems some people do not want this to end but thankfully we are living in a very advanced era. I am just thankful that medical science will continue to keep us all safe but if something bad happens, they will bring us back to life.

I am so sorry for being late again. What would I do without all the great information on travel and the different stations? Because of your timely advice, even old guys like myself, can navigate the new pass travel procedures.

You have made it so easy and fun and it is really appreciated. We have traveled twice domestically and plan to start International travel early next year.

Thanks for every thing you do for us. I really appreciate it.

Harry & Pat Crandall, 13801 E. Yale Ave. #131, Aurora, CO 80014

Harry enjoys reading the Newsletter. We don't do much any more; mostly stay in our apartment.

Harry will 90 years old on September 3rd, and has been retired since 1993.

Thanks for keeping the Newsletter going.

David Detwiler, 284 Kelly Rd., Connellsville, PA 15425

We are still surviving here in Pennsylvania, the virus, so far along with old age. I am starting my 6th year as a volunteer ambassador at the Flight 93 National Memorial, answering visitor's questions and telling them about the bravery of the 40 crew members and passengers of Flight 93 on 9/11/01.

For those of you who want the Flight 93 20-year pin, it is \$5.95 plus shipping and it will be available at the book store at the memorial or you can do a Google search of Flight 93 20-year pin and that will take you right to the National Park Service store and there is a good picture of it there. It is one inch in diameter and gold in color. A very nice pin that will help all who see it to remember what happened that day, 20 years ago.

Jack Ferrell, 401 Burney Cir., Knoxville, TN 37934

I have thought about this story for almost 40 years of how much I loved United Airlines and how much I enjoyed my duties at UAL and working with other fellow employees.

In the late 1970's, I had finally reached the seniority I needed to bid and hold a Captain's position with United. The position that I bid was Captain, Boeing 737. My domicile would be CLE. Even though I would be on Reserve for quite a while, it was a terrific job. I was very happy with my bid and was anxious to start flying. My commuting was not a big deal as I had been commuting to DCA to fly co-pilot on the B-727. My family understood the problems and I had just spent 12 years in the Navy and six years aboard Navy Aircraft Carriers. They were used to my being absent. They knew that I love aviation and had been very anxious to fly Captain with UAL for a long time.

I found a very nice condo in Lakewood, OH. It was on the 20th floor, overlooking Lake Erie and the city of Cleveland. I had beautiful sunrise views with the lake and tall buildings of Cleveland in the foreground.

We had quite a large group of brand new Captains in CLE. On many mornings we would all get together and go to a little restaurant down the street for breakfast and talk about our adventures in the sky.

One morning my beeper went off while having breakfast. I called the Crew Desk in Chicago and talked to Pat

on the phone. Pat told me “Jack, your daughter Mary, has been involved in a very bad car accident. Your family needs you home right now. I have booked you on positive space from CLE to TYS. We don’t want you to come back until you are satisfied with your daughter’s condition and the needs of your family!” I was shocked! And, of course, I was very appreciative to Pat! I have always wanted to thank Pat for that personal touch that he gave me on that awful day.

When I arrived in Athens, I went right up to the hospital room where Mary was. I hardly recognized her because her face was so swollen. She had a broken leg, lacerations to her face and lost several teeth.

It took a year for her to regain her health and self confidence. She had been working as a DJ at the local radio station and her condition did not allow her to continue to do that any more. She went back to college and got her degree in Education. Mary had a long road to go, but she is completely recovered now. We lost my wife, Sue and her mother to Alzheimer’s disease and Mary cared for her every day. She is my best friend and help-mate.



Above is a picture that was taken last June at the birthdays of my oldest daughter Mary and my youngest daughter Megan. They were born on June 5th and June 13th, so they always celebrate their birthday together. This photograph was taken with them both around the picture of Mary holding Megan right after she was born in 1971. Mary is 15 years older than Megan. So this year, Megan turned 50 and Mary turned 65. Hard to believe.

We are members of the United Airlines Rocky Tops and try to make it to all of their meetings.

I am a dedicated United Airlines Retired Employee.

Dick Hopkins, 1410 Philmar Ln., Vista, CA 92083

I greatly enjoyed last month’s issue, particularly Terry Hotchkin’s one-liners in the Oregon Dewers column. At 85, many of them hit hysterically close to home. Keep up the great work, even if fewer and fewer names are recognized each issue.



Virginia Swenson, Apt. C209, 5800 St. Crois Ave., Golden Valley, MN 55422

Since I no longer recognize many names, I had thought to discontinue the newsletter. But, an article caught my eye that I could refer to in my writing class, Bravo. There are many great articles and memories.

Thanks for reminding me.

Ann Wozniak, 10 W. Eureka Dr., Lemont, IL 60439

How fast the time goes. Another year has gone by, and we did survive all that trouble with the pandemic.

Thank you for the Newsletter, it has so much information in it and it keeps us informed.

Notes

Marian Bruns

I will be seeing many of you at the SAN convention, representing RAFA; looking forward to it.

Charlene Gilcrest

I am retired in the Villages in Florida and enjoying life.

Hiroko Hansen

The RUAEA newsletter is an important source of information for retirees.

Winnie Kates

We are both keeping well but getting antsy not being able to travel. I did not have that long of a career with United but the time with the company was precious. The friendship I developed with people I met enriched me and keeps enriching my life.

That is where RUAEA comes in, keeping me connected if only virtually. It means a lot to me.

Thank you for the newsletters and everyone working so hard to keep this going. Keep well and happy.

Helen King

I retired for the second time in 1994. We were living in Saudi Arabia for 20 years (hard commute). Now we have been in the Villages in FL for the past 21 years. I use our passes all the time to visit family in Vancouver, BC.

Roger Kleffman

I am grateful to join this organization. I retired in 1998 from Galileo but had 20 plus years with United. When United converted to digital, I was lost. Since I used credit card miles to travel, it was very, very difficult to get reinstated. I am hopeful this will help us travel.

Paul Page

I am just enjoying VSP.



Robert Schartz

We really appreciate all the hard work all of you do to keep us updated. We enjoy reading about all the people I worked with over the years at United.

We live in Tuscaloosa, AL now and are enjoying retirement and Alabama football! Roll Tide!

Cathy Gilbert-Silva

Thank you RUAEA for keeping your members up to date on the latest United news. As some members may have read, my husband and I planned a move from Virginia to the Nashville area to be closer to our only child.

Consequently, I have stepped down as Chief Minion for the Dulles Loungers. As Mari McColl wrote in the September 2021 RUAEA newsletter, we raced to pack, fix, paint etc., to put our pre-Civil War log home on the market.

Apparently, our resident spirits were not pleased with that decision because each time something was fixed, two more something's would break. One example, I moved our stacked wash/dryer to paint the ceiling and the back feet went through the floor. Also, two years and \$12k ago, we had to remove 23 trees.

Ingrid Vinvent

I have retired for 19 years now and not sure how I ever had time to work. Thank you for keeping me informed about UAL.■

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