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## 2018 Cleveland Convention Memories

### Newsletter Correspondents Meeting



Standing ~ Barbara Drews, Beverly Alderdice, Judy Storey, Diane Griego, Angie Dellinger, Karen Williams, Liz Tollefsen.

Sitting ~ Robin Garland, Sybil Voss, Kerrie Schneider



Standing ~ Elaine Tillman-Mannella, Connie Lenard. Sitting ~ Karen Jenkins, Donna Miller

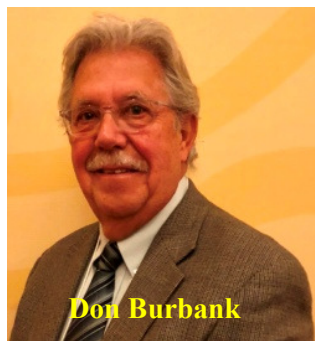


Standing ~ Jennifer & John Deily  
Sitting ~ Doris & Arnie Lakso

# GENERAL NEWS

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### Letter from the President



**Don Burbank**

Hi Everyone,  
Things are getting a little busier as we start to ramp up for the convention in DEN. The board of directors is meeting to start the process. Everybody should remember that anyone can come to the convention. You don't have to be associated with UAL because the only thing that is airline related is the benefits panel.

We have been working with HR on a few issues but no definitive answers so far.

I hope everyone is looking forward to spring as much as I am. I'm tired of shoveling snow. You should start to get more information on the convention in the coming newsletters as far as tours, times, and dates.

Thank all of you for being part of our great organization.

Don Burbank  
RUAEA President

### From the Denver Office



The Denver Office has been experiencing a turnover of secretaries, mainly due to medical issues. We all know these things occasionally happen to all of us. We have some folks that have volunteered to help, but it takes time to train them. Since the secretaries mainly work in the office processing

membership dues (checks), there is a way you can help us reduce the office workload by paying your dues by credit card, if possible.

In addition, another way you can help us is to use the credit card system to make address changes. Just go to the RUAEA web site at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org) and click on the Yellow Icon in the upper right corner or the home page which says "New! Join or renew online". Here you can change your address. Just follow the instructions when the page comes up with your current address, type in your new address and then follow the instruc-

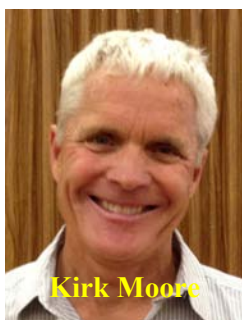
tions like you are going to Join or renew, but for the address change you will only make a \$1.00 contribution. Why the \$1.00? The system has to have some money inputted for it to operate. By doing it this way your new address will automatically be put into the Membership Data base; in addition, the secretaries do not have to be involved with your address change.

Thanks in advance for you help.

Regards,

Cas Spokas  
Virgil Gooselaw

### Pass Travel Update by Kirk Moore RAFA Travel Benefits Committee, March 5, 2019



**Kirk Moore**

Read RAFA's new Pass Travel UPDATE here: <https://rafa-cwa.org/page-1836169>.

**Pass riding in United® Premium Plus** ~ Beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>, long-haul international flights on 777 and 787 aircraft will have United® Premium Plus seats. Pass riders will have 3 choices when listing in employeeRES or on the United app for those flights. In the "service" drop-down box, select either "Polaris Business" (J), "Premium Plus" (O) or "Economy" (Y). How much does standby travel in United® Premium Plus cost? ~ When using a **vacation pass**, **all** retirees and their pass riders will fly "service-charge waived" systemwide. That's free ... although **all** pass riders must pre-pay departure taxes and airport/regulatory fees when applicable.

When using a **personal pass**, retirees with *less than 25 "years of service"* and their pass riders will pay the following service charges:

- ➔ *International Premium Plus (O) class: 75% off the ZED Low business fare*
- ➔ *International Polaris Business (J) class: 50% off the ZED fare.*

Service charges in "O" and "J" class on *domestic routes*: 90% off the ZED fare.

Note: Regardless of years of service, retirees and their pass riders who travel using a **personal pass** in **Economy** fly service-charge waived. Retirees with 25 or more years of service and their pass riders travel service-charge waived in all classes of service. Just remember, you must pre-pay departure taxes and airport/regulatory fees when applicable.

To check applicable service charges, departure taxes, fees and your taxable pass rider's estimated imputed taxes go to employeeRES > Quick Links > Helpful Travel Links > Pass Calculator.



More information about Service Charges, Fees & Taxes plus examples:

- [https://ft.ual.com/-/media/ual\\_intranet/documents/travel/servicecharges.pdf?la=en](https://ft.ual.com/-/media/ual_intranet/documents/travel/servicecharges.pdf?la=en)
- United ® Premium Plus information: <https://ft.ual.com/news/2019/02/05/book-united-premium-plus-in-employeees>

**Keep your benefits information secure: New password/PIN** ~ As increased security measures roll out across the company, United is working with partners to ensure the same level of security applies in all of our United transactions. As part of that process, United's benefits administrator is enhancing security for **Your Benefits Resources (YBR)** to better protect your YBR account.

**The first time you access YBR on or after February 19** – whether you get there through Flying Together or by directly logging on to YBR – **you'll be prompted to create a new, stronger password** to use when you directly access the Your Benefits Resources site. You will not need to use this new password when accessing YBR through Flying Together, but you'll still have to create the new password. Directly accessing YBR will then require you set-up two-factor authentication via text, email or a phone call. Super secure!

You'll also be asked to **create a separate and distinct phone PIN to use when you call the United Airlines Benefits Center**. These are one-time updates that you will have to complete on your first visit to YBR.

If you have any questions related to your YBR password or PIN reset, you can contact the United Airlines Benefit Center at 1-800-651-1007. Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT. Direct link: [www.ybr.com/united](http://www.ybr.com/united) or via Flying Together>EmployeeServices>YBR

**Taxes: Pass Travel Liability statements and W-2** ~ Starting last year (in March 2018) retirees began receiving quarterly invoices with estimated tax withholding amounts for imputed taxes that your taxable pass riders (Enrolled Friends, etc) accrued. Your annual **W-2 statement for 2018** is now available through Your Benefits Resource (YBR) and was sent by U.S. Postal Service at **the end of January 2019**. Use your Form W-2 as an offset to your actual tax obligation. If you did not receive it and would like to print or preview your Form W-2, you may access it through the "Get your W-2 Wage & Tax Statement" tile from the YBR homepage. The tile will be available by the end of January. For a record of your Travel Liability payments click the tile that says "View/Print invoices".

**Note:** If you did not have any taxable pass riders travel during the reporting year, you will not be subject to tax and will not receive a Form W-2.

Questions? View the complete list of frequently asked questions and available resources at Flying To-

gether > Travel homepage > In This Section > W-2 Pass Travel Tax Reporting page. If you still have questions, you can also contact the Employee Travel Center through Help Hub.

**Pass rider access to employeeRES** ~ While you will use the new eRES to update your pass rider's information and grant them access, **your pass riders** will still be using the previous version of eRES to book and manage their pass travel with this link:

<https://erespassrider.ual.com/employeees/passriderlogin.aspx>

The pass rider site will switch over to the new eRES later in the first quarter of 2019. We have a helpful [pass rider access how-to-guide](#) that will walk you through the process of setting up your pass rider on eRES. Link to the how-to guide:

[https://ft.ual.com/-/media/ual\\_intranet/documents/travel/pass-rider-access-user-guide.pdf?la=en](https://ft.ual.com/-/media/ual_intranet/documents/travel/pass-rider-access-user-guide.pdf?la=en)

Important: As the sponsoring retiree, you are responsible for ensuring your pass riders understand and comply with all United's pass travel policies, their transactions including but not limited to ePass allotment deductions, pass riding conduct and answering any pass travel/employeeRES related questions.

**Checking standby availability on Other Airlines** ~ (From Pat Palazzolo, Pass Travel Rep for RUPA/Thanks, Pat!) Subscribe to [IDDEALS.com](http://IDDEALS.com) (~\$22/year) for access to standby loads on most Other Airlines; this is very useful, especially on those last few days before departure. Now "ID Deals" has a new "historical monthly loads" feature. Read the full story here: <https://rafa-cwa.org/resources/Documents/Pass%20Travel/2019%2003RUPA%20Pass%20Travel%20Report.pdf>.

## Painting the Sky



Imagine having your artwork on a huge canvas flying through the sky for the whole country to look up to. That is exactly what UAL is doing for two female artists with "Her Art Here."

To kick off Women's History Month this March, a month devoted to celebrating the contributions of women, United is launching a contest for female artists to submit designs to be painted on two of its Boeing

757s. “Her Art Here” will put women’s art up in the skies and showcase their talents in a way that is both uplifting and far-reaching.

The idea was sparked by the fact that less than 13 percent of the art on display in museums is by female artists, yet 51 percent of artists are female. Selected artists will get to see their designs on an aircraft that flies on average 1.6 million miles a year.

The idea of flying a plane that celebrates and empowers women captured the imagination of System Chief Pilot and Managing Director Bebe O’Neil. *“The pilots who get to fly the airplanes with the selected artwork will be inspiring to others. They will get to show off these artists’ hard work and dedication to their craft,”* said Bebe. *“It will be a wonderful way to share in those women’s success and celebrate their artwork at the same time.”*

Two winners, with a connection to New York or California, will be selected. The objective is for the artist to use her design to express what either the California or New York region means to her while also incorporating United’s mission. The winners will have the opportunity to work alongside renowned visual artist Shantell Martin to have their art on display in United Clubs and United Polaris lounges in California, New Jersey and New York, and each will be awarded 100,000 Mileage-Plus miles. Finalists and winners will also receive their own open gallery show later this year.

*“If more people got to see women’s art what would the world be like?”* said Ms. Martin. *“‘Her Art Here’ is a platform where we are encouraging women to be inspired and have their work at such a scale that they couldn’t even imagine it before.”*

Submissions will be narrowed down to three finalists for each region by a panel of judges which will include California President Janet Lamkin, New York President Jill Kaplan, LAX Airport Operations Managing Director Lori Augustine, LGA (New York - La Guardia) Managing Director Debra Roberts, EWR uIMPACT Chapter Director Cathy Innocenti, SFO uIMPACT Chapter Director Monika Gablowski, as well as two employee artists.

The contest is open to artists who identify as a woman, including cisgender, transgender, woman-aligned or non-binary and reside in the United States. While United employees are not eligible to enter the contest, they have a very important role to play: helping to choose the final design. United encourages employees to vote for their favorite design from April 10 through April 19 to help determine the winning artists from each region.

Additionally, employees and customers in the Los Angeles and New York City area will have an opportunity to visit murals painted by Shantell Martin as part of her collaboration with United’s “Her Art Here” project.

Each mural showcases interactive airplane windows that display statistics of how far her art will fly, a video of Shantell giving advice on the contest as well as a video of Bebe highlighting United’s commitment to diversity and inclusion. The murals are on display from February 25 until March 18 at 799 West 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Los Angeles and at 38 Norman Ave, Brooklyn in New York.

### **An Insourcing Success Story at the S.F. Base**



Left to right are Components Engineer Ricardo Rodriguez, Sheet Metal Technician Dan Sutter, Sheet Metal Technician Martin Dergan and Composite Technician John Cicero.

Congratulations to the team in Shop 274, part of the Component Overhaul and Repair department at the San Francisco Maintenance Center, which overhauled its 100<sup>th</sup> Boeing 737 engine inlet since insourcing the work three years ago.

During the early stages of the Base Maintenance Transformation, in January 2016, the team was tasked with developing an overhaul program to enable United to bring the work in house. Technicians Dan Sutter, Bill Kumpu (now retired) and Martin Dergan got to work on this with the help of Components Engineer Ricardo Rodriguez.

Martin recalled, *“The first inlet we received was one that had been deemed BER, or Beyond Economical Repair.”* But with the help of Technician John Cicero in Composite Shop 273, he was able to develop a method of “reskinning” the acoustic panels and saved the inlet from the scrap heap. That saved United the cost of a replacement inlet and showed that the shop could overhaul the inlets to serviceable condition economically.

*“Since that time, we have overhauled 99 other inlets,”* Martin said. *“We have run this program with an estimated average cost of 52 percent of our previous vendor’s and have achieved an industry-leading turnaround time of 11 days.”*

*“Base Transformation was a challenging time for the Components shops,”* recalled Component Overhaul

and Repair Managing Director Bill Fulton. *"We were exiting non-core work, relocating people between departments and faced a lot of uncertainty. But we knew we would be successful insourcing the 737 inlet work."*

In addition to the technicians and engineers in the shop, Bill said the effort included the Base Maintenance Operations team, Vendor Management, Procurement and other groups. In the end, Bill said, *"The shop technicians' innovativeness and tenacity proved that we can be a top-tier supplier to United Airlines. They made this happen using their skills and heart."*

Component Overhaul and Repair is looking into the possibility of taking in third-party 737 inlet work and developing a program for the inlets on the Rolls-Royce RB211 engines found on our Boeing 757s.

In addition to the 737 inlets, United has insourced many other components since 2016, including avionics, thrust reversers, inlet cowls and flight controls, to name a few.

### So Simple From Sheryl



**Sheryl Schubert**

I gave you all a very, very simple recipe in February so I won't let you get off quite as easy this month. It is still simple enough that you will want to make it for everyone to enjoy.

#### Kahlua Cake:

1 German chocolate cake mix  
1 large instant chocolate

pudding mix

1 pint sour cream (2 cups)

4 eggs

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup vegetable oil

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup Kahlua liquor

6 oz. chocolate chips

Combine all ingredients except chocolate chips with a hand mixer. Fold in chocolate chips. Pour into a Bundt pan sprayed with Pam.

Bake at 325 degrees for 70 minutes. Cool slightly before inverting onto a platter.

Cake needs no icing, but I serve with whipped cream or a scoop of ice cream.



### Attention All Golfers

***The 2019 United/Continental Retiree Golf Tournament will be held in Mesquite, NV from May 6<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019***

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### Rules For Submitting Articles To The Newsletter



**Francis Domaratius**

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

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

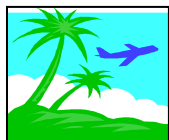
*Please note that all submitted articles are subject to editing and approval by the Newsletter Manager. Once they are published in the RUEA Newsletter, they become the property of RUEA. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed in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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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It's starting to warm up here on the Gulf Coast, and the red cardinals are chirping. A noticeable absence was logged for those not attending, and the opportunity will be afforded next month for a vocal excuse, while the rest of us enjoy our luncheon. **Ray & Mai Owens** returned from Vietnam, with a statement of disappointment with Cambodia (Ray had an illness, and they returned early). **Bill & Ann Delavan** told our end of the table about his treatment, and recommended we all look to the new, and question most of the old ways. **Myrl & John Eisinger** have been very busy with Valentine's Day, Marti Gras, and Cajun Music festival prep (John won the Raffle, as well). **Michael Burke** came alone and was tasked to giving a Bio during the next meeting (Carla was missed).

We overheard **Chuck Krewer** and **Bill Hayden** discussing engines, transmissions, etc. with **Georgene Krewer** standing dutifully by. **Ed Southworth** had a bad morning at golf, so he told our little group war stories, with a trip on-board the Helo Carrier Iwo Jima, during the Viet Nam era.

**Jeanne Reinoehl** agreed that **Norm** had to stay home with his Black Powder Gun avocation, while she enjoyed her time in our group. **Rita Toucher** voiced her approval of the new meeting date of the first Monday of each month. It was mostly approved by a majority, declared by our President, and coordinated with the Cubi Club at the Naval Aviation Museum. **Barbara Serra** handled the raffle and passed out the cookies, in addition to her Secretary duties. **George & Desneige Atteberry** are going back to the farm in Indiana, after the meeting in March, **Ray Owens** has agreed to take the helm, as the scribe, hopefully in perpetuity.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Report:** Operating at a new **increased tempo** now that I will take a hiatus until October. **Ray & Mai Owens** will offer a good, new slant. We missed seeing both of you at this gathering. Correcting an enormous blunder in my use of words, **countenance** would describe **Rita Touchers'** actions at the last meeting, as well as this one. (Not continence, as depicted by this Amateur scribe).

Good to see **Norm Reinoehl** without any powder burns, and pictures of **Jeanne's** new baby grand player piano. **Carla & Michael Burke** were in attendance, and Michael will give a summary of his life and employment at our next session. **Jessie Arnold** and **Doug & Diane Kuykendall** had conversations of unknown topics, requiring a new table arrangement for our end. We need to know if the Kuykendalls have found a home. **Maureen & Rich Hurst** have been traveling, and relayed an excellent experience with United. **Bill & Ann Delavan** were ready with a smiley face, as Bill gets continuous treatments. (Looking good in a new Irish emblazoned cap.)

What can you say when the Greeter/Secretary/Badger moniker applies to **John & Myrl Eisinger**, but **well done**. **Bill Hayden** had a new sidekick for the raffle, **Rita Toucher**, while **Barbara Serra** was absent. **Kim Ray** got us a tour of the Flight Academy, after the RUAEA meeting, April 1, to convene at 2PM. (What a treat!)

President and Rule Maker **Conrad Hamilton** initiated a new one, in "that no individual shall repeat in the winnings of the Raffle more than 4 out of 5 times, and certainly not twice in a row." This rule applies only to **Ed Southworth**, a true violator (he also won at Golf, before he came to our function. A true Marine scoundrel). So many in our midst.

**George & Desneige Atteberry** say adios until October.

## SWEET HOME ALABAMA

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Our Birmingham chapter met Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Grill 29 in Homewood. The 6 members present were **Herb & Carol Wilbanks**, **Ken & Beverly Yeager**, **Jim & Donna Gooch**, and **Joe & Jane Jones**.

Birthday wishes to **Bill Glenn** (10<sup>th</sup>), **Beverly Yeager** (13<sup>th</sup>), **Ken Yeager** (22<sup>nd</sup>). Wedding Anniversaries congratulations to **Joe & Jane Jones** (27<sup>th</sup>).

Our 50/50 drawing was won by **Donna Gooch**.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and co-worker **Joe Duncan**. He worked for many years at the Birmingham station. He was always ready to help anyone in need and did so with many.

Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our next meeting will be the second Monday in June and thereafter we will meet March, June, September and December. As always, we welcome all retired United friends and their families to join us for fellowship and lunch at 11:30 at various Birmingham restaurants. For more information, call **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711.

## ARIZONA



### PHOENIX AZURES

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

As always, the Azures have a Breakfast meeting every other Wednesday at 8:30 A.M. at Lou's Tivoli Gardens hosted by **Sherry Muoio** and **Suzie Hughes**. 12535 W Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85378. The next scheduled breakfasts are 11/14, 11/28 and 12/12. All are invited, call Sherry or Suzie if you will be attending, (602) 312-5117 or [phx22@cox.net](mailto:phx22@cox.net).



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PHOENIX METRO



Happy Easter to all! Easter is later this year, and normally we look forward to nice spring weather at that time of the year; but we've been having beautiful warm weather here since the beginning of March. We're not complaining at all! We had a lot of rain and snow up north near Flagstaff near the end of February, which helped tremendously here in Arizona, as they were worried about having enough water for the land. There should be a lot of spring flowers popping up all around Arizona, beautiful time to visit Arizona.

Our Chapter is having our annual picnic on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Crescent Run Park, 8500 E. Southern Avenue, in Mesa. This is where Shirley & Ron live when they are in Arizona. It's a real nice park. We normally eat outside by their community room. The food is catered in, and always very good and plentiful. We always have a good time. Soon a lot of our "Snowbirds" return to their summer home; but we have a lot of our members who stay here all year round. So, if you're planning on attending the picnic, please sign up ahead of time, so we know how many to plan on for food. Contact President **Shirley Claggett** at (480) 354-7610, or by e-mail at [indind75@yahoo.com](mailto:indind75@yahoo.com) or our Vice-President **Peg Snowdall** at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). We usually have a few items to raffle off, plus our normal 50/50 drawings.

Our February Breakfast had 29 people in attendance. We had a new person who attended our breakfast, **Russell Marsh**, who is out in Apache Junction for two months, but lives in Colorado. He said he's been stationed at several places while working for United Airlines. We were happy he contacted us and hope he comes back again while in Arizona.

President **Shirley Claggett** brought us up to date with things going on at United Airlines. A new \$33,000,000 Maintenance Base may open up in Tampa, Florida. Some of our members have been ill, but hopefully will be joining us soon. **Barbara Tremonto** hopes to be back soon, and **Judy Burtner**, who had knee replacement surgery in February, is doing well. Shirley spoke about **Jim Fauber**, who was a member of our Chapter for a long time, and moved several years ago to the Seattle, Washington area, that he is still active and doing well. He was President of RUAEA from 2002 – 2004. The **Griffins, Joanne & John** have offered to take over the Treasurer and Membership position for our chapter from **Ferrol & Cindy Hilsabeck**. We want to thank the Hilsabecks for all their work and time doing this job for several years.

We will report on the luncheon at Mt. Athos, in Florence, AZ, held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Natasha Schmidt**, next month.

Please remember to renew or sign-up for our RUAEA Newsletter. This monthly newsletter is full of so much good information to keep us informed on what is going on with our company and all the chapters in the system. So many of our members, read it from cover to cover each month and love

keeping informed on what is going on outside of their little world. The membership dues are only \$30 a year. You can mail your check to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd., Denver, CO 80207-2433, or you can use your credit card on line at [www.ruaea.org](http://www.ruaea.org). Be sure to include your file number on all correspondence. You'll be glad you decided to do that, plus you'll get all the information on the RUAEA Convention, which is going to be the last week in September at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Denver – Stapleton North. It should be a great Convention.

We have the following Birthdays in April: **Dot Kuspis** (4/1), **Ron Paluch** (4/1), **Lynn Hubbard** (4/12), **Chuck Strohmaier** (4/16), **Orland Baldwin** (4/20), and **Duri Arquisch** (4/27). Happy Birthday to all! We have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary this month, Olga & Oscar Aguila (4/7/1984), and **Shirley & Bill Eaton** (4/11/1964). Congratulations to both couples.

### Calendar:

**April 4** – Re-United's Picnic at Crescent Run Park, 8500 E. Southern Avenue in Mesa, by the Community Room, starting at 11:00 a.m., with a catered lunch being served at noon. Contact **Shirley Claggett** or **Ron Paluch** if you are planning on attending. Shirley's phone number is (480) 354-7610 and her e-mail address is [indind75@yahoo.com](mailto:indind75@yahoo.com). They need to know how many to plan for, so be sure and let them know if you're planning on attending.

**April 26** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, AZ, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let Vice President **Peg Snowdall** know if you will be attending at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net), or by phone at (480) 396-3317.

**May 24** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, starting at 9:15 a.m.

**June 28** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, starting at 9:15 a.m.



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

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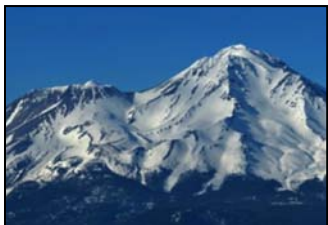
We are the Tucson Roadrunners, an active chapter. We meet for lunch at various Tucson restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month except in November and December, when it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. All retirees are welcome to join us.

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

826-2640 for information.

We look forward to seeing you.

### CALIFORNIA



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There is no report this month from the California North-Staters chapter of RUAEA.

#### Calendar:

**March 27** - Wednesday at 11:30 am at Mill Creek Cafe in Los Molinos. Come join us!

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We met on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Applebee's restaurant in Santa Maria. Those in attendance were **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak, Bob & Marcia Stanger, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Joan Schaefer, Al & Marilyn Rybar, and Tom & Karen Ryan**, guests of the Zoldaks. **Nina Powers** was unable to get transportation and **John Wessel** had another appointment. We have not heard from **Jack Cunningham**.

**Esther & Bob Bartlett** provided table treats and as usual, Esther gave each one of us a glass picture frame that a picture of our choice could be put in it.

**Mike Zoldak** told us about his trip to Singapore to visit his son's family. They experienced a Chinese fireworks display that was spectacular. His son and family live in a 70 story condo facility. The parking garage has green lights over the parking spot denoting it was available. Others with occupied cars have a red light. All cars are backed into the stall. They drive on the left side of the roads. The temperature was around 86 degrees and very humid. The condo has a very long pool that is 3 feet deep throughout the entire pool. Mike said that he has two grandchildren attending school and it costs \$40,000 per child per year. I didn't get the company his son works for but his company pays for the school expenses plus all his other expenses. Mike did say that their flights from SFO were 16 hours going to Singapore and 14 hours on the way back. They were able to get decent seating although the flights were long. **Joan Schaefer** will be traveling to London and she was able to get round trip tickets for around \$400. She could not turn that down. We'll find out how she did at our next meeting.

I read the latest RUAEA March 2019 newsletter with Torgy's Travel trip to France and the 75<sup>th</sup> D-Day Anniver-

sary. I was able to make that trip in 2004 for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We had a tour guide who was one of the original founders of a museum in Bayeux, France. We covered so much in the short time we were there and a couple of things still stand out in my memory. One was walking on Omaha Beach and it amazed me that the gravel was so loose it was almost impossible to walk on. How our troops were able to make it to solid ground is hard to believe and tanks and vehicles would have gotten bogged down. The other sight was going through one of the bunkers that is still as it was then and on a hill nearby was a machine-gun nest that was not accessible. We did go to St. Mere Eglise where one paratrooper was caught dangling from the top of a church. They still keep a parachute hanging where it is and replaced if necessary as a reminder of that incident. At the Omaha memorial at the beach we were met by the Mayor of the town and he presented each one of the WWII veterans with a medal and a speech in French that was interpreted by our guide. Our guide told us that after 60 years, various WWII items were still washing up on the beach and gets displayed in the museum. At the Normandy American Memorial Cemetery it was brought to our attention that those who earned the Congressional Medal of Honor had their name engraved in gold on the tomb stone and one of those was FDR's son. These are things that are hard to forget.

Our next meeting will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> hosted by **Mike & Bridgett Zoldak**.



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

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Our March meeting was held on Monday, March 4 at The Old Spaghetti Factory Restaurant in Concord with 16 members in attendance. Social hour started at 11:00. **Carol Parks**, our "candy lady," gave everyone Dove chocolate hearts. After lunch we had our raffle. Our president **Arnold Hansen, Jr.** won the 50/50 raffle. Other raffle gifts were the usual bottles of wine and various chocolate items.

I always enjoy people sharing their travel stories and travel tips. Last month, **Cheryl Kincaid** told us about the musical "Come from Away" which is on tour all over the U.S. and Canada until September 1, 2019. It is set in the week following the September 11 attacks and tells the true story of what transpired when 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly in Gander, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada.



Go to <https://comefromaway.com/tickets.php?content=tixbroadway> to check the schedule and buy tickets. We hope our RUAEA friends can attend a performance as the play moves to Omaha, Appleton, Greenville SC, Baltimore, Hartford, Milwaukee, St. Louis, New Orleans, Tampa, Orlando, Miami, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, and Ottawa.

**Tom Johnson** always presents an interesting fact about airline history and safety. This month he talked about The Ford Tri-Motor Tour. The current tour schedule runs until August 11 and includes stops from California to Ohio. Go to [flytheford.org](http://flytheford.org) to see the flight schedule and to book a flight. From the website: *"Recall the energy, passion, and excitement of the Roaring '20s by flying aboard the Ford Tri-Motor. Known as the first luxury airliner, the Ford Tri-Motor redefined world travel and marked the beginning of commercial flight. Our tour stops are hosted by volunteers who are passionate about sharing the Ford Tri-Motor's stories. We invite families to visit and learn all about our aircraft and our organization. Viewing the aircraft is free, so be sure to bring your camera along."*

**Rich Bouska** told us about Tom's Port Guides. In 2008, Tom Sheridan began writing port guides to help cruise passengers plan shore excursions. By 2018 he had published 73 guides with 1898 pages, 1798 photos, and 933 maps. The guides are **free** and downloadable in PDF format. Go to [tomsporguides.com](http://tomsporguides.com) to see this incredible collection of detailed information that you don't find in cruise brochures or most other travel books, such as how to get from the ship into town. The info on walking tours, public transportation, and top tourist attractions can be used by cruisers and non-cruisers alike.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association). Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. RUPA's next cruise is July 2019. Rich wants to spread the word that everyone is welcome, not just RUPA members. He says "the more the merrier" (and the larger the group, the larger the discount). There are three options for this cruise. Option One is a 12-day cruise departing July 7 from Rome eastbound to Sarande Albania, Olympia, Athens, Mykonos, Rhodes, Santorini, and Crete, with a stop in Pompei on the way back to Rome. Option Two is a 10-day cruise departing July 19 from Rome westward to Cartagena, Gibraltar, Malaga, Barcelona, Marseille, Livorno and Monte Carlo. Option Three is a 22-day cruise combining options one and two departing Rome on July 7. For more information, please contact **Rich Bouska** directly at [rbouska1@comcast.net](mailto:rbouska1@comcast.net) or (925) 443-4339.

Upcoming Meetings: Please join us!

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

- ➔ Monday, April 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.
- ➔ Monday, May 6 at 11:00. — El Tapatio, 40 Golf Club Rd, Pleasant Hill. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée and beverage.
- ➔ Monday, June 3 at 11:00. Annual Summer Picnic at Diane Griego's home. This fun meeting is a catered

lunch from Back Forty Texas BBQ and requires an RSVP. The deadline to RSVP is yet to be advised. The chapter provides water and soft drinks. Members are invited to bring beer or wine if they choose. We enjoy delicious chicken and ribs, potato salad, green salad and baked beans. Dessert is ice cream and a pretty cake decorated with a United theme.

Every month, we have an ongoing book exchange. The leftover books are donated to Contra Costa County Library book sales. We collect both new and used Christmas cards which **Barbara Cunningham** donates to a local special ed teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all he can get." If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at [tbcunningham43@gmail.com](mailto:tbcunningham43@gmail.com) or (925) 846-8123 for more info. We also collect shampoo and other toiletries you collect on trips; **Diane Griego** donates these items to a wonderful domestic violence organization founded by one of our special UA ramp employees.



#### **GOLDEN GATERS**

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Well, Gung Hay Fat Choy to you all! President **Vera Kina** had her favorite Chinese Restaurant cater a great luncheon for us, chop sticks and all. As this is the Year of the Pig we had Sweet and Sour Pork to celebrate. We manage to have fun and food at most of our meetings. The Board will be cooking Corned Beef and Cabbage in March (members will bring their favorite "Pot Luck" side dishes) and we'll be wearin' green. Vera opened the meeting by calling the members to attention with her Duck Whistle. We pledged Allegiance to the Flag and remembered our Armed Forces.

Here's what we have planned for the next three months:

- ➔ March 25 – St. Paddys' Corned Beef and Cabbage provided by the Board, members bring side dishes
- ➔ April 22 – BYOBL
- ➔ May 27 - BYOBL

Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for January – a minor phone number was wrong but no one would complain so I guess I will have to keep this job! Having heard from several members who have been absent these last few years, we find many people selling their homes and moving in assisted living facilities. It is very convenient having meals prepared for you, up-to-date and new facilities that work (and you don't have to climb a ladder to change a light bulb yourself, the maintenance crew will do it for you!) Prices are high so some have had to sell one or two of the gold ingots they had buried in the back yard. The only gold I have is in my back molars, so I guess it's KOA for me. Maybe **Shirley Dickinson**, **Paul Larson** and **Pearl Bloom** will invite me to their new digs!

Treasurer **Art Barrett** advised us that the current \$15 dollar dues are due – get your name on the roster by sending in that check. If you haven't done so, please send your dues

check made out to UAL Retirees and mail it to Art at 1809 Dale Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94401.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** reported that 28 members showed up today. We had 2 guests joining us, friends of **Carol Walter** and **Bill Heinrich**. Birthday babies: **Vera Kina**, **Colleen Wood** and **Bill Heinrich** blew out a few candles on their cakes. **Barbara & Jerome Underhill** celebrated their 2 (two) anniversary dates – yes, two different dates and years – a convoluted story about keeping their nuptials a secret! **Joan Lutz**, a longtime member we had not seen for several years, passed away – ill health kept her close to home. She traveled extensively with us and our condolences go out to her family.

Auditors **Gene Walter**, **John Bogdanoff**, and **Helen Goodwine** crunched the numbers and signed the paperwork for the yearly budget. It looks like we can keep our heads above water for the year.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** has trips in the making and will get them out soon.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** is compiling some interesting facts regarding our 57 years of being together. April is our anniversary so we gotta have cake to celebrate!

Ticket Coordinator **Harriett Kunze** handed out our raffle jackpots to **Pat Ortega** and **Margaret Reelfs**. Special thanks to **Bill Heinrich**, he is a very generous spender and gets lots of raffle tickets. Thanks also to those who bring in “gifts” for our secondary raffle – those bottles of wine go quickly!

Quiz of the Day: Do you know who invented scissors? Betcha’ don’t.

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



#### **HANGTOWN MINERS**

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Crisp air, green hills, decorations full of hearts and candy – must be February and just days before Valentine’s Day! 31 Miners and guests came together at BJ’s Brewery & Grill in Folsom, a favorite place for good food, lots of talking and, of course, laughing! President **Bill Dinette** extended an enthusiastic “Thank You” to **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** for arranging this luncheon for us. His next question was to find out if anyone present has a birthday in February, **Jerry Avallone** owned up to this; Happy Birthday to you Jerry! Now came the inquiry for any anniversaries, apparently, February is one of those good months to get hitched! **Irv & Sherrie Wolf-ram** have 64 years together; **Jerry & Dolores Avallone** can count to 57 years; **Oscar & Joyce Olivera** are on 38; **Bill & Pati Kenney** have made it to 28, oh, and were married on Valentine’s Day! And our records show that **Joe & Jeanette D’Amico** have 54 together. Congratulations to each of you,

and here’s looking forward many more. So, we also enjoyed 3 guests, who are “regulars” at our luncheons! This is a good thing! **Roy & Dawn Martin** were guests of **Rudy & Cindy Blazius**. **Ed & Lindalee Akin** brought their daughter, **Julie Bauer**. We always welcome these folks and will welcome any guests you might want to bring.

*President ~* **Bill Dinette** brought several items to share with us this month despite his computer giving him some problems! Boy, can I identify with that! **Rudy Blazius** was a big help to Bill.

Are you a golfer? Tired of this cold, wet winter business? Think ahead to May and Hawaii! Entry forms are now available for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Robert F. Six Hawaii Golf Tournament to be held May 6 – 8 at the Puekea, Wailua and Hokuala Golf Clubs on Kauai, Hawaii. Robert F. Six, former CEO of Continental Airlines, started this tournament 50 years ago as a way for employees to get to know one another better and enjoy the game of golf, and it continues to do so every year. All employees, retirees, family and friends are welcome to join in the tournament. To request an entry form, please email [Cheryl.Weeks@united.com](mailto:Cheryl.Weeks@united.com). Completed entry forms must be received by March 15.

Or, if going to Hawaii to play golf isn’t a draw for you, how about Nevada? Looking for a “nearer” place to home? Consider the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual United Airlines Retiree Golf Tournament. This tournament will also be May 6 – 8 but will be in Mesquite, Nevada. See more information on this in the General News Section of this newsletter.

*Vice President ~* **Rudy Blazius** was thanked for helping Bill out this month – they used the ol’ “can and string” method. Sign me up! Rudy made sure that everyone who brought an item for our raffle received their “donator’s” ticket and also checked to be sure that no one still needed to get their tickets so they can win one of those great prizes.

*Treasurer ~* **Tom Kenny** was not able to join us today, but his lovely wife, **Suzanne**, brought us his report. Tom suggested that we consider 3 charities with a donation of \$200.00 each or 2 at \$300.00 each. Tom again nominated the El Dorado County Senior Legal Services as one candidate for a donation. More discussion follows in our “Old Business” section. Tom also brought us up to date on our “dues paid for 2019” number. Our membership, which includes our new members, **Diana Bell** and **Oscar & Joyce Olivera**, and our 2018 members, is a total of 37. At this time we still have 8 members who need to send in their dues. So, if you still wish to be part of the Hangtown Miners and receive our monthly minutes with all this wonderful information in it, please send your annual dues of (only) \$10.00 (check made out to Hangtown Miners) to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667 as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you by June, we will assume you aren’t interested in remaining with our group and your name will be removed from our roster. I really want to get a current roster together and sent to all of you, so, please, get those dues sent soon. Oh, if you don’t mind, if you are going to drop, would you let me/us know that by either emailing me, **Jane Gibson** [tired-dogs@comcast.net](mailto:tired-dogs@comcast.net) or calling (925) 443-0905. Thank you.

*Secretary ~* **Jane Gibson** reported that she received a nice note from a member who, unfortunately, we don’t see often, **Liz Church**. Liz is doing better but is still recovering



from a nasty fall last year that put her in the hospital. One of her sons lives with her at this time. If any of you know Liz, give her a call and see if maybe you could bring her to one of our luncheons. I also spoke to **Jeanette D'Amico**. She & **Joe** are getting their house ready to go on the market the beginning of March. They will be moving to Hawaii (on the "big" island) and will be near one of their sons who already lives there. They are looking forward to the move/change and wish to remain on our membership list so they can continue to know how all their friends are doing.

I neglected ordering the badges, very sorry for my slipup. I'll get in touch with the company who makes them and let those who wanted new badges know what the current cost is. If you want a new badge, please let me know (soon) so your name can be included in the order.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** let us know that she sent a card to **Bob Ames**. Seems Bob took a spill and broke a hip! The problem is that he already has had hip replacements. There's not much they can do but rest and heal. Their daughter has come to help out while he recuperates. We all send our best wishes to him. If you hear of any member who has something they're dealing with, please let Suzanne know so she can follow thru with them and keep us updated. All our members are important, we don't want to lose track of any of you!

*Historian* ~ **Pati Kenney**, reports that she is working on the albums, in particular the "Memory Album" which needs some updating. She also let us know that she is putting an old suitcase (with wheels) to good use as the official way to transport these books.

*Old Business* ~ Okay, Folks, it's that time of the year, which charity to give a donation to this year. As you read in the Treasurer section, we have about \$600.00 to work with this year. There was quite a bit of discussion around the room regarding the topic. I'm going to give you a sort of rundown on the suggestions: The El Dorado Senior Legal Services has been one of our recipients in past years. We do need to find out if the money we donate will be given directly to that office, not put into the general coffers. Wounded Warriors was suggested; again, an organization we have donated to, but also one that has had some problems in the past. **Jerry Avallone** mentioned St. Jude's as a possibility. **Angie Dellinger** suggested an organization called Loaves & Fishes in Sacramento, they do a lot there (Angie, maybe you could bring more info to the March meeting?) There's always the El Dorado Food Bank. I found a past recipient called CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). The Placerville based group provides specially trained volunteers who serve as court-appointed advocates for children transitioning from foster care to adoption or a return to their own families. Snowline Hospice has received a donation in the past. Looking at past info, there's United Outreach. I'm not sure if they are still around; if anyone knows about this organization, please bring some current info on them to the March luncheon. Another thought was giving to Relief for Paradise Rebuild. We don't know just how that one would work, so **Bill Dinette** is going to research this one for us. So, lots of food for thought here. There will be further discussion in March and, hopefully, everyone can come to a consensus on where to best put our dollars.

*New Business* ~ Okay, the information is out for the 2019

UAL Retiree Gathering held in Minden NV. Mark your calendars for June 18 – 21, 2019. **Darlene Odell**, along with hubby, **Dan**, and helpers, does an amazing job of organizing this get together. Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, is the day for the barbeque. The Carson Valley Inn has some rooms set aside, but you need to call them – do it soon – to reserve a spot. The hotel's number is (775) 783-6629, be sure to tell them you're with the United Airlines Retired Mechanics group (#1371) for the special rate they have set for us. This is a fun time – don't miss out!

*Contributions* ~ **Frank Dellinger** suggested that we use our PA system so that we can better hear what's being said! Believe it or not, we do have a PA system! When we are at a restaurant like BJ's where they can separate us from their regular customers, it would/should work out fine.

I had mentioned that we still needed a host for our July luncheon. We have a "surprise" volunteer for this job, **Roy & Dawn Martin** offered to take care of the July luncheon for us! Now, they are not "officially" members but they join us so often they feel like they are! Everyone was in agreement that this would be a good idea! Thank you!

**Bill Dinette** loves to bring us a little lighthearted info to think about, so this month he brought "The Origin of Old Sayings".

Bill brought our meeting to a close and Rudy took over with the raffle. **Jack Fitzpatrick** won the donator's prize. Thanks to those who brought items for the raffle: **Blazius** – candle & holder; **Dellinger** – (fresh) cupcakes; **Akin** – eggs; **Wolfram** – candy; **Gibson** – fresh oranges; **Kenney** – iced dip set; **Fitzpatrick** – lovely center pieces; **Kozelka** – red wine; **Bell** – heart tray; **Martin** – flashlight; **Heier** – wine; **Kenny** – wine; **Avallone** – wine; **Dinette** – country garden tea set.

Our next luncheon will be on Monday, March 11, hosted by **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** at the Los Pinos Restaurant in Placerville. Sorry, I forgot my camera, used Bill's phone, great pictures that I can not get from the phone to the computer. If we ever figure out how to get them to you, it will be a miracle!

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We met together on February 21 for our first of the year luncheon meeting, just a week after Valentine's Day, at the La Gare restaurant in Santa Rosa, CA. The luncheon was hosted by **Barney & Clare Hagen** and **Sam & Mickie Orchard**; they decorated the tables with nice primrose plant centerpieces and foil-wrapped chocolate candies. I added a few shamrock doily decorations and gold coin chocolates on the tables in recognition of St. Patrick's Day which we will miss celebrating in March as we only meet every other month and will be here next in April. They also placed on the table, lovely bagged wines brought in by **Barbara & Jerry Underhill**, Vice-presidents.

We all visited and got caught up with each other as the servers were getting the tables set up for us. We were told by **Barbara Underhill** that the number of attendees are 24 members and 3 guests; on the last day we had two members cancel, **Ron & Joanne Huhn**, due to Joanne having an opportunity to get her cataract surgery done. Larry & I picked up the See's Candies for them for the raffle! The 3 guests were **Ed & Maggie Nelson**, guests of **Barney & Clare Hagen** and **Ryan Quinn**, grandson of **Diana Quinn**; also we had a visiting RER member from Chicago, **Richard Southon** here with us on a visit to see friends in California. It had been a while since we had seen him and the guys were able to reminisce with him about working at the SFO base! He gave us an update on the North and Southside Chicago retirees chapters he belongs to that is very active representing more than 200 members. Our menu for lunch included a very nice vegetable and corn chowder (soup), butter lettuce and greens salad with a light creamy dressing, a choice of tender beef entrée with a red wine sauce, Chicken Marco Polo, and a Filet of Sole; for dessert we had a Black Forest cake with a cherry mousse center and a cherry syrup drizzled over along with coffee and tea!

President **Larry Wilson** started the meeting by asking Treasurer **Valerie Hulsey** to give us an update report on our RER General and Charity accounts. She said that the General account has \$487.34 and the Charity account, after the distribution at Christmas, has \$97.25 left. Valerie also thanked us all for giving our annual Charity donations to the local Redwood Empire Food Bank and the Paradise, California Rotary Club for restoring club houses, churches, schools, as well as meeting the needs of the community for food and expenses. She read a thank you note sent to us by the manager of the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Jackie Bazeley, owner of the La Gare Restaurant, spoke next giving us an update on her efforts to market to the regular customers about the specials featured on particular nights and upcoming events; she asked us to fill out a postcard with our contact information to be notified by e-mail!

Travel expert **Barney Hagen** reminded us that in order to sign on the UAL website in the future, you will need to have a "stronger password" to log on to the website, to monitor your flight plans, and search for open seats on the destination flight of our choice as well as see the employee-exclusive discount benefits. Once again we were reminded to change our passwords every 90 days.

The birthday and anniversary list was read next by myself for the first two months of the year; the anniversaries were the **Witts** (38 yrs), the **Legnittos** (46 yrs), and the **Underhills** (46 yrs). The winner of the free lunch, after two people passed, was **Barney Hagen**! Next we had the raffle for the 6 fine wines brought in by the Underhills, the See's Candies and the Primrose centerpiece plants.

Our next luncheon/meeting will be on April 11<sup>th</sup> back at the La Gare Restaurant, hosted by **Valerie Hulsey** and **Pat Ortega**; we will be enjoying better spring weather after a tremendous amount of rain was unloaded on us in Sonoma County that put many rivers and roadways under flooded conditions and caused much damage! See you in April for our Easter-themed time together!



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Once again, the breakfast for March occurs after the deadline of the newsletter. Life goes on and I will report on what has been happening in the meantime. **Betty Tomaino** is out of the hospital and staying with her sister. She is progressing ahead of what was originally expected and believes she will be able to go to her own home soon.

There was quite a bit of excitement when I received some pictures from **Betty Schaetzke**, now retired and living in Seattle. The pictures were of SANCS in the 1970's. I passed them around received so many responses from the retirees in San Diego. Some of us saw colleagues we hadn't seen or heard from in years, some sadly passed away and there were a few that we didn't recognize in the photos! I am still receiving comments as they are being passed around. It was so special of Betty to send those to us!

**Ed Knight** has a birthday on March 17<sup>th</sup> and we wish him the best in the years to come. Many good sails, with fair winds and full sails!

It is with sadness that I report the passing of **Gloria Rymysza**'s mother on February 18<sup>th</sup>. She lived to be ninety six and was a very accomplished oil painter until the very last. Gloria has been living with her in Chicago for the last few years and we are looking forward to having her back with us and joining the Resans family.

**Peggy Van Sickle** is our featured retiree this month. Peggy began her airline career in 1958 in Memphis, TN, with Southern Airways. She worked in the reservation office with five other employees. Then in 1958, she moved to San Diego to be with her mother and brother who had previously moved and had jobs and decided to stay ~ *I wanted to work for the airlines but no one was hiring so I got a job with a Moving and Storage Co. that lasted for about a year. In 1960, I was then hired by American Airlines in their reservations office which was then located on the top floor of the US Grant Hotel downtown San Diego. American decided to close that office and merge with the LAX office. I refused the move because I was married and pregnant at the time. I left with five years recall rights. I was with American for three years.*

*I was hired by United in 1967 and worked in the JAMTO, (Joint Airline Military Office). During that period they changed the name to SATO (Scheduled Airline Ticket Office) as we remember it today.*

*In 1971, I had a call from NTC (Naval Training Center) to help during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. There were several of us that just sat and wrote tickets all day long!*

*Travel Agents wanted in the Military offices because it was very profitable because we did all the Military and DOD employees travel. We were given the option of staying. I put in a transfer for SANCS which began in 1990. I retired in 1994 as my husband was retired and wanted to travel.*

*I still have friends from the all of the airlines in the offices where I worked.*



#### Calendar:

**April 4** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

**April 18** – Spring Fling, The Tequila Factory, 2467 Juan Street, San Diego, CA. 92110.

#### SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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#### **SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS**



The Sacramento Gold Diggers held our February Past Presidents' luncheon on February 27<sup>th</sup> at The Claim Jumper's Restaurant in Roseville, CA. This month's luncheon was hosted by **Frank & Angie Dellinger**. President **Jim Simon** welcomed everyone and thanked our servers, Tammy and Nicole. He reported that we have 10 past Presidents; **Ron Bertacini, Frank Dellinger, Francis Domaratius, Harold & Colleen Esola, Terry Greenacre, Sonda Sanstedt, Ken Norton, Ed Rheam** and **Hank Wikstad**. We have 36 members and 2 guests, **Dan & Maryln Hacker** are guests of **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram**. Jim introduced the Birthday Roll off & Raffle. Members that have a birthday in the month of the luncheon get their names entered into the raffle and the lucky person that gets the roll of the dice wins \$10.

Co-Vice Presidents, **Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** advised we have openings for the remainder of the year for hosting duties. We now have March hosted by **Len & LaVerne Haubl**, May hosted by **Harold & Colleen Esola**, August hosted by **Ken & Stephanie Norton** and October hosted by **Ed & Rose Rheam**. We still have June & July open.

Secretary **Marji Gabert-Milam** reported the anniversaries for this month ~ **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (64 years), **Jack & Marge Raynor** (55 years), **Jack & Sidnee McKinney** (53 years), **Phil & Ann Frank** (67 years). Congratulations!

The February financial report was given by Treasurer **Angie Dellinger**, due to **Judie King's** absence for medical tests. Please send her your thoughts and prayers. We were able to subsidize the past Presidents lunches this month.

Sunshine Officer **Angie Dellinger** advised that **Marv Becker's** memorial service will be April 6, at Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** brought scrapbooks and photo books that she has compiled. She has a past members photo book and one with current members also. She would like to take a picture of those current members that haven't had theirs taken. Please see her after the meeting to have your picture taken and included in the current book.

Roster keeper **Jack Raynor** lets us know the Roster Book should be out next month.

RUAEA Regional Director **Sonda Sandstedt** said she didn't have a lot to report. She let us know that UA is adding seats and additional frequency to the system. She will be taking our issues to the board meeting she will be attending. She will address the loss of parking for retirees at the maintenance base in SFO.

RUAEA Newsletter ~ **Francis & Veronica Domaratius** advised us that the DEN office is short secretaries, so they are requesting we renew our dues online. Veronica also provided directions to the Roseville Telephone Museum Tour and parking lot.

New Business/Old business ~ The winner of the January Birthday Roll off & Raffle is **Rose Rheam**. February's winner is **Jack Raynor**. That was fun and nice to win \$10.00!

Jim announced our next meeting will be held at PF Chang's in Roseville, CA, hosted by **Len & LaVerne Hauble**. A flyer will be attached to the email with the meeting minutes.

**Vicky Enriquez** and **George Taylor** conducted this month's raffle, including the beautiful table centerpieces.

Jim adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and we will see you at our next luncheon in March.



#### SAN JOAQUINERS

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First of all, I have to apologize for not getting this Newsletter to Denver sooner than today. I had a Senior Moment because I thought I had sent it over but I guess it went to alphabet heaven because it was not in the March RUAEA Newsletter.

A big thank you to **Steve Foster** who accepted the position of President of our Chapter and **Bob Scoble** is now our Vice President. **Bob Scoble** was President for the past 2 years and he was awesome but it was time to turn the gavel over to Steve. We were all happy to welcome Steve as our new President.

Our last luncheon meeting was held on Valentine's day, February 14<sup>th</sup>, at Latif's Family Restaurant in Turlock. There were 18 people in attendance and we all had a great time getting together for our first meeting of 2019. The luncheon was hosted by **Bobby & Eleanor Wood**. They had Valentine's Day decorations to put us in the mood for a lovely get together. They also held a raffle and all the prizes were in Valentine gift bags. Thanks to Bobby & Eleanor for hosting and donating the prizes. After the luncheon, they were flying off to Australia for 3 weeks to visit Eleanor's son and new grandbaby. Steve informed the group that retirees will no longer have free parking at SFO due to construction. Hopefully when the construction is completed UAL will give us back free parking. It was a great benefit while it was available. Steve also mentioned that UAL Flying together has changed the way we log into the web site. In time, we will get used to the new format (I hope).

Steve also shared information about the United Airlines Mechanics Reunion which will be held again at the Carson Valley Inn from June 18<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup>. For reservations for the RV Park, Hotel, or Motor Lodge call (775) 783-6629 and mention group number 1371 or group name United Airlines Retired Mechanics no later than May 28, 2019 in order to get the discount. Please let **Darlene Odell** know if you are coming, (530) 692-0505 so she can plan the number of people who will be attending the barbeque.

The San Juanquiners Chapter always meets on the second Thursday of every month in different locations. Our next luncheon will be held on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Strings Italian Restaurant in Jackson, CA. We would love to see new faces so please join us if you can. If you would like any information about our chapter or luncheon meetings, please call President **Steve Foster** at (209) 328-1210 or **Rosie Walls**, Secretary at (209) 984-5672.

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After much discussion, a vote was taken to return to Holders restaurant where we have met for many years. With an average of nearly thirty members attending weekly meetings, comfortable seating was an issue which we could not resolve at Mimi's. Roberto, the best waiter you could ask for, greeted us on our return to Holders. Twenty six members attended, which included **Sally Urso** after missing some of the meetings. It was also great to see **Dave Walub**. Please see the restaurant address below if you wish to attend our meetings. The weather in our area has seen many days of very low temperatures, heavy rains and providing a lovely dusting of snow on surrounding mountains. Although we complain how cold it has been, we really feel for those who have temperatures that we never see in this area and not voice our complaints too loudly. I talked to a friend in upper Wisconsin who was living in -40 below wind chills. What right do we have to complain here, but we do anticipate summer.

**Chuck Clayborn** traveled to Florida to be with family and friends at his daughter's wedding. President **Mariane Johnson** was involved in an automobile accident leaving our weekly meeting. Thankfully no one was injured; however her nearly new car was badly damaged. She is working with her insurance company to ensure her car is restored to its original condition. **Ann Olthof's** daughter is now at home recuperating from a serious automobile accident and we wish her all the best during this difficult process.

The family of long-time member **Bill Copley** who passed away January 19, 2019, held a ceremony on March 3. Bill was a crew member of the Navy Blue Angles in the late 40's, was a consistent member of our weekly meetings.

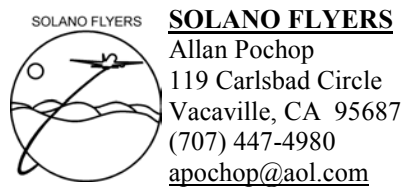
Our summer luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11 at Vasona County Park in Los Gatos. This is an event which has many of our members participate in and any local RUAEA members are welcome to attend as well. Please contact **Cheri Scales** at (408) 226-6955.

**Chuck Thuener** and **Vern Snyder** celebrated birthdays in February and a resounding Happy Birthday was sung by members, all who will keep their day jobs.

A discussion centered about the ID90 insurance which some of our members have purchased and unfortunately had to use during their trip. This is a very good benefit for airline employees and at \$28 is a real bargain. The insurance covered the entire bill including doctor visit at hotel, transport to

hospital and hospital stay (with only exception being the TV) and a missed round trip flight. If you use this service, be sure to keep all pertinent billing as well as a statement from doctor as to the need for the medical service. You can find this insurance by logging onto the ID 90 website.

We meet weekly, each Friday, for breakfast, at Holders Country Inn, located at 988 S. De Anza Blvd., San Jose, CA 95129, beginning at 0800. Please feel free to join us anytime.



Rainy, cool to cold February in Northern California, but the Flyers are of pioneer stock, and weather did not prevent them from their activity. We met this month at the Red Robin Restaurant; in attendance were **Robert Allen, Frank Uhl, Louis Pell, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Robert Zirzow, Eugene Boyce, Allan Pochop, Richard Cox, Oscar Moraida, Jim McLean, and Jerry Munkholm.**

We welcome three new members to the chapter, **Nolan Untiedt, Ray & Rosalie Ward.**

The membership voted to donate financial help for those that lost their homes in the Camp fire, at Paradise, CA. Treasurer Joanne received a letter of appreciation: *"Thank you for supporting our community in these challenging times. Your gift to Golden Valley Bank Community Foundation's Camp Fire Fund will make an immeasurable impact in the lives of people you may never know and on their behalf; we send our most sincere gratitude. Receiving \$451.00"*. Mark Francis, President and CEO.

An anonymous email message was received by one of the officers, alleges that one of our 2019 officer positions were fraudulently elected, and strongly suggested a new election be held at the February meeting. Since the Solano Flyers chapter leadership is held by volunteers, all hold office by majority of member votes. The Election process was re-opened with a show of hand for a candidate interested in one of the chapter positions, no hand was raised!

It was suggested, that there never was an email message, the call for re-voting was a ploy from one of the officers to slink out of duty, interesting hypothesis. So the Solano Flyers Officers for 2019: **President ~ Constantino (Dino) Poolos, Vice President ~ Allan Pochop, Treasurer ~ Joanne Blizzard, Secretary ~ Allan Pochop, Sunshine Person ~ Open, Master at Arms ~ Allan Pochop.** The Solano Flyers may not have a Sunshine Person but they now have a Master At Arms.

Membership approved for appreciation, an incentive for new members to join, the chapter would purchase lunch at our July and December meetings.

The 50/50 drawing was won by **Allan Pochop**; howls of fraud erupted, the Master at Arms restored order.

#### **Calendar:**

**March 20** – 11:00AM meeting at the Black Bear Restaurant, 111 Sunset Ave, Suisun City.



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President **Don Burbank** opened the meeting with 29 members in attendance and reminded us to bring our aluminum for recycle as it provides our chapter income so we don't pay dues. We are working on the annual conference in September. Denver RUAEA office is in need of voluntary help for a few hours each week. We need 1 or 2 part time help to do manual input on checks 2-3 hours a week. Please call **Virgil Gooselaw** (303) 343-2102 if you are interested or need more information.

**Gary Trujillo** fell skiing and has a knee injury. Great grand-babies were born to **Tom & Nancy Goodyear** and **Virgil & Martha Gooselaw**. Congratulations to both families! **Marv Olsen** passed away with services in February and burial at Fort Logan.

**Dave Bergan** passed away and has many honors from the military. He joined the Navy at the age of 17 at the end of WWII when Japan surrendered and has a picture of the signing of the papers with General Eisenhower. He worked at UAL for 38 years in Denver CS and trained the first female in the country to drive the jet ways at the gate. He received a letter from school children thanking him for his service.

50/50 winners who returned their winnings to the chapter: **Yumi Trujillo** (2x), **Doug Colbert**, **Ray Shoults**, and **Jim Spate**.

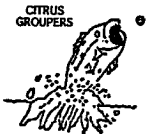
Next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52<sup>nd</sup> and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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The Citrus Groupers met Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Chefs of Napoli restaurant with 14 in attendance. **Elaine Lies** won the 50/50. **Joan Brandinisio**, our treasurer was on a cruise so there was no financial report. There was a discussion about donating to the Flight 93 Memorial Chapel. The last donation made by the group was returned to us. **Kathie Torgison** had an excellent article in the RUAEA newsletter about D-Day, it was much appreciated and created an interest among the members in going to the sites she mentioned.

If anyone has questions or would like to join our group, please contact our president **Joe DiStaso** at [wopahofl@comcast.net](mailto:wopahofl@comcast.net).

## SAND"DABS"

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Daytona Beach was busy getting ready for Bike Week as 16 Sand"Dabs" met on a gorgeous spring day. Several of our members weren't able to attend due to appointments and travel. Plus we were informed that **Bobby Rieck** has taken a fall and broke her femur so she'll be laid up for some time. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We had a lot of celebrations including birthday wishes for **Bill Rankin** and **Jim Myers**. **Marion & Rick Johnson** celebrated their 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and March was a great month for United Airlines. **Penny Logan** was hired 35 years ago and **Marion Johnson** was hired 50 years ago! Finally birthday boy **Bill Rankin** won the 50/50. Congratulations to everyone!

President **Dick Coughlin** entertained us with a few jokes, one in particular discussing snowmen - a rare sight in Florida! He also gave the treasurer's report and news from United. We were saddened by the discovery of pass abuse by our own employees.

### Calendar:

**April 4** - 11:30 - Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL

**May 2** - Same as above



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President **Ernie Vosges** formally opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. We were a small group today - I think the cold temps kept folks away (it was 52, damp & windy J). Reports were given, jokes were read, updates on UAL were shared and all's well with our world!

We were thrilled to see Pres. Ernie, who'd been in the hospital for 4 days with congestive heart failure, but was lookin' good and strong today!

The Picnic date of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11am-3pm was confirmed and the location again will be: Cypress Grove Park, 290 W. Holden Ave, MCO 32839. We will eat promptly at noon! Everyone is invited to bring their favorite picnic dish to share-desserts are welcome too!

Just one Birthday Guy this month ... but he's also celebrating an Anniversary! **Ken Michels** will be eating cake March 27<sup>th</sup> and eating cake with **Shelby** on March 20<sup>th</sup> celebrating 20 years! Yay!

**Al & Lois Fields** are celebrating their 54<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with a trip to the Strawberry Festival in Plant City, Florida - Today!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. except in April for our Annual Picnic at Cypress Grove Park. The next Golden Corral Luncheon will be on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

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The March 1 meeting was held at KJ's Steakhouse, 10950 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers, FL 33907. In attendance were **Wallis Alves, Lynna Baker, Maxine Brown, Bill & Margie Burg, Ed Clarke, Joanne & Tom Halt, Ray Jensen, Linda Kitsmiller, Nancy Kopp, Stella McCaffrey, Paul & Ingrid Olson, Diane Roberts, and Roger Schonewise.** **Maxine Brown** was the \$34 cash winner of the 50/50 drawing. In addition there were 7 bottles of wine and peppermint patty candy raffled off. There was discussion of recent, and soon to come trips taken by members. **Ed & Judy Clarke**, who love to cruise, are going on an African safari in August. Now that should be fun!

We are frequently contacted by retirees who find our listing in the RUAEA news. Several of our newest recruits have contacted us because of the RUAEA listing. Sometimes somebody will see the name of a previous coworker and want to contact them. We don't give out information on members, but I will take the contact information from the caller, and forward it to our member. We welcome new members. Many in our group are "snowbirds" who leave Florida for the summer, but come back in the Fall. For that reason, we disband after our May steak fry and resume in October.

Our meetings are held the first Friday of the month, October through May, 11:30 am to 2 pm. at KJ's Steak House.

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The Sand Dollars met for a Valentine's Day Luncheon at MacAllister's Bar & Grill in the heart of Lakewood Ranch, Florida. This is an outstanding restaurant where we have had previous get-togethers, and we enjoyed the same excellent food and service that we have had in the past. We had Valentine cupcakes to celebrate the day. There were 19 Sand Dollars in attendance. **Ginger Hyde** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then welcomed a friend of hers from EXO/WHQ from the Chicago Skyliners Group, **Kitty Bystrom**.

Kitty described a tour group she took at the old EXO Archives in the basement of United's old campus on Algonquin Road. There are interesting pictures, old uniforms, and we talked about the Crisis Center in the north building. The Company Officers were able to watch and hear all of the network news channels to know what they were reporting about

the emergencies on the large TV screens around the room. The local hotels and car rental agencies were contacted to be sure there was availability for our employees and relatives of folks on the plane. That area is apparently like a ghost town now with most of the departments moved out of the building.

**Ginger Hyde** announced that she had received thank-you notes from Meals on Wheels of Sarasota and Bradenton for our donations, also that there had been a misunderstanding about the all-inclusive price of our Christmas Luncheon and we owed an additional \$100 for tax and service. This amount was paid from our bank reserve. **George & Jeanne Sudol** had planned to attend the luncheon but couldn't as they had to find a new handyman for the home they are getting ready to sell. We were very glad to have **Joanne Wasser** join us at lunch so we could personally give her our condolences, as her late husband **Russ Wasser** had passed away very recently, on December 19, 2018. A memorial service was held on President's Day at the Sarasota National Cemetery. Also, it was learned that a group of Flight Officers are starting their own luncheon group in the area. Ginger has invited them to join our group but has not yet heard back from them. It may be they want to remain separate from our group. **Nancy Gibbs** is at home after back surgery and rehab. We are looking for her to be well enough to join us again.

**Bill & Inge Phillips** will be leaving on a Viking Cruise from Athens to Crete, Sicily, Messina, Naples and Rome, and we look forward to hearing all the details when they return. **Skip Irwin** joined us and was in good shape after his back surgery – a laminectomy on the L-4&5 vertebrae – after which he was up and walking the next day. Amazing! **Bob & Shirley Adams** have had their daughter **Pam DeLoach** staying with them recently, and as she writes a blog on independent bookstores, they all went to Punta Gorda's "Copperfish Books" where "Grandma Gatewood's Walk", the story of a 67 yr. old great grandmother who saved the Appalachian Trail, was being featured. **Maria Santangelo** will be going back to Chicago as she is sponsoring two of her grandsons at their Confirmation.

The name drawn for the Attendance Drawing was **Suzan Goodson**, but she was not present so the money went back into the pot. The 50/50 winners were **Harvey & Vivian Rucker** (1<sup>st</sup> place), **Ted & Liz Mavis** (2<sup>nd</sup>), and **Bill & Inge Phillips** (3<sup>rd</sup>). April birthday congratulations go to **Bruce Toter** (14<sup>th</sup>), **George Sudol** (15<sup>th</sup>), and **Vince Malena** (29<sup>th</sup>). **George & Jeanne Sudol** will celebrate their 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Ginger & Michael Hyde** relayed a happy ending to the story of the little dog they saw running alongside a busy road during rush hour back in January. They spent 3 weeks trying to find the owners. The dog has now gone to a new home and has a new name, Bailey. Through a DNA it was determined he is Pom-A-Poo 5/8's Pomeranian, 3/8's Poodle and weighed only 11½ pounds. Bailey has now been chipped and has a new collar with his ID. His new parents love him and said he has brought a lot of laughter into their life once again. They missed not having a pet for a couple of years.

The Sand Dollars meet on the second Thursday of the month, and we welcome any visiting retirees or new retirees who are thinking of coming to our beautiful part of Florida. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or

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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on Monday, March 4, at IHOP with 6 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Birthdays: **Beverly Alderdice** (March 22), **Jon Wilkinson** (March 10 - 85 yrs young and still playing ball).

March UAL Anniversaries: **Jon** (60<sup>th</sup>), **Bill Linehan** (56<sup>th</sup>), **Beverly** (57<sup>th</sup>), **Bob Lindstrom** (55<sup>th</sup> in February).

Get Well and Thinking of You to **Helen Kacer**, **Ethel Cargill** and to **Noemi Guzman**'s husband.

Treasurer and Secretary reports: Our donations were sent to Shriner's and St. Jude's Children's Hospitals. Our social talk involved the weather, UAL and we reminded everyone about Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward.

Our Picnic will be held at Anderson Park on April 1<sup>st</sup> (No April Fools Day jokes ... HaHa). Time 11:00 AM at Shelter #3. We will send out reminders to members about what they are bringing and more info. Membership dues was discussed. We will bring it up at Picnic.

Meeting was adjourned and lunch was served

#### Calendar:

**April 1** - Spring Picnic - Anderson Park, 11:00 AM. More info to come

**May 6** - IHOP - 10:30

**June 3** - IHOP - 10:30

**July 1** - IHOP - 10:30



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Our March meeting was held at Duffy's South Stuart with 14 members in attendance. President **Al Popek** led everyone in The Pledge Of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was requested for our dear member, **Millie Rossi**, who passed away on February 6<sup>th</sup> after a brief illness. An additional moment of silence was expressed for another member we lost on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Don Smith**, husband of member **Joyce Smith**. They were both wonderful friends and will be sorely missed. We send our deepest sympathies to their families and friends and especially to **David Rossi**, Millie's son who was able to join us on many occasions.

Our members had a quiet month with not much travel. **Al & Janice Popek** did attend a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration for a cousin in Naples.

There was a discussion about the new Premium Coach Seats United will be providing. We're all wondering how that might affect pass travelers.

Many of our members are looking forward to the annual convention in Denver in September. The Denver chapter will be sharing hotel information, etc. very soon. Hopefully, we'll have a good showing from The Treasure Coast.

The drawing for 50/50 was won by "**Dinos**" **Xifaras**. The Progressive will roll-over since **Michael Carragher** was not in attendance to claim his prize. The St. Patrick's Day centerpiece was won by **Jane Kerr**. Al wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. We thanked Al & Janice for decorating the tables for the celebration. **Jim Hanley** shared a very funny story with the group that took place when he and wife, **Janet** lived in New York on St. Patrick's Day. Everyone had a good laugh. Thanks, Jim.

Our Spring picnic, Hawaiian theme, is coming up April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be held at Dubois Park in Jupiter. More info will follow in the next couple of weeks.

We have two birthdays to celebrate in March, **Bob Langevin** on the 16<sup>th</sup> and **Jim Morehead** on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### Calendar:

**April 2** - Picnic at Dubois Park, Jupiter, 12 Noon

**May 7** - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

**June 4** - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

### GEORGIA

#### DIXIE FLYERS

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DIXIE FLYERS

12 Dixie Flyers met on March 6<sup>th</sup> to have lunch and socialize. **Don Shelley** said blessings of the meal. In attendance were **Frank Russey**, **Fred Cron**, **Barney Knotts**, **Tony & Cathy Carringer** and grandson, **Chris Crawford**, **Roy Cross**, **Judy Elk**, **Stan Cebula**, **Richard Thompson**.

The 50/50 amounted to \$22 was won by **Roy Cross** who returned it to the Flyers. That meant that money will go to our sunshine lady, **Sybil Voss**, for birthday cards and stamps. Sybil has shingles in her right eye and is unable to drive. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

March birthdays were celebrated by **Diane Davis**, **Judy Elk**, **Ron Heider**, **Sandy Lis**, **Mary Lou Ryabik**, and **Gary Tuttle**.

A Memorial Service was held for **Bill Elk** at the American Legion post in Fayetteville.

The Dixie Flyers meet the first Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Broadway Diner in Fayetteville, Georgia.





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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like to attend, just send your email address to [HNLRTUA@gmail.com](mailto:HNLRTUA@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@aol.com](mailto:annmedve@aol.com) and/or call **Ann Medve** at (808) 889-1636.

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems meet every other month. Our February luncheon was hosted by **Dave Crosby** at Rudy's Bar and Grill in Meridian, Idaho. Unfortunately the weather did not make it easy for us to attend this luncheon as well as several being sick. Only five attended: **Bud & Pat Peters, Dave Crosby, Denny Snyder, and Rick Dempsey.**

Our next meeting will be in April 2019. **Palmer & Bob Sarnoff** will be our hosts. Both of them are sick so any info on this luncheon meeting will be at a later date.

Those of our members, who are sick, get well soon so we can see you in April.



## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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April—April Fool's Day, Oh please, there's a Fool's Day every month, sometimes every day! What's that old saying? There's a sucker born every minute, attributed to P.T. Barnum. Speaking of idiots, let's go back to high school. Remember when we had groups of kids that stuck together, they called them cliques. The rich, smart and pretty ones stayed together versus the not so rich, smart, or pretty. I was in the latter group; all three fit me, how about you? The freshmen looked up to the other three grades, right? The seniors didn't know the freshmen existed. You always looked up, or forward. Upper classmen never looked down. Well, they did look down, on you. You were fresh out of grade school, the scourge of the earth. Wait, those seniors were going out into the world, and would be treated the same, very soon. They weren't thinking of inevitable conflict then, they were the kings and queens. Ha! Wait for it! Same thing went for dating the younger person. If you were a boy, a year younger girl was fine, but an older girl dating a younger boy? OMG, what was she thinking? Advance to 2019, we have 25 year old girls dating 50 year old men, and 50 year old women chasing 35 year old men. What a change, perspective, folks, it's all how you look at it, and we all know what they're after. Like Arte Johnson on Laff In used to say, 'that's what I'm here after'. I'm glad I'm not young anymore, to have to go through growing up again, insecurities, acne and worrying about getting ahead, been there, done that, got the t-shirt. Not too crazy about bad bones, parts that aren't working, illnesses, but I'm still here. Losing friends left and right, too many tears shed this last year. However, still looking down at the roses, and not at up at the roots. Thank God for little favors. I have friends and family and we respect each other. Easter is April 21, kids off on holiday, again. Earth Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, do you really think the word will end in 50 years? Nah, we won't be here anyway!

The Northside breakfast had about 20 people attend. Talk was mostly about our crazy weather going up and down in temperature, the snow, and then strong winds. East coast and the South were worse, but we have to have something to complain about.

The Southside breakfast had two new people, **Linda Ward**, Ed's wife, and **Mila Walker**, who used to work from out of ORDHN, making sure each flight had enough meals on it. That's definitely a job that has gone away. Lot of talk about the Chicago elections with 14 people running for mayor, that was eventually narrowed down to two people. Should be an interesting race and outcome, with Chicago being home to their first female black mayor. Good luck to the winner, and the residents of Chicago!

The ORDMM group had about 20 people, many are still

in the warmer climes of AZ, CA, and FL. Two returnees were **Jim Hall** and **Bob Zeier**, thanks for coming back. Our frequent flyer, **Walt Chornomaz** and his wife went to Hong Kong. Someone suggested they visit Macau, so they went to the Gambling Capital, where they saw many Chinese enjoying the tables and slots. He mentioned that the UAL agents automatically ask the MileagePlus members if they want to upgrade to Business. There go our seats; we used to get Business internationally, maybe not any more. He was happy to just get on coach and not be stranded, that has to be our attitude now, or buy a ticket.

The March IAM 1487 Lodge meeting was attended by 95 people, many delicious meals were brought in by members, for their Meet and Eat lunch. **Joe Reuter**, from NWA, our assistant treasurer, passed away last month. It's time for officer elections, anyone interested in being on the board, please contact the President to put your name on the list. **Karen Carney** advised that there are still about 40 members who haven't paid their 2019 dues. If you don't bring your dues up to date, you will be removed from the list of active members. Next month's meeting will be April 7, and will be Hot Dog Day. Sides and Sweets are always welcomed. On April 9, there will be a luncheon at the Village Tavern in Schaumburg on Wise Road.

**Helen Cauwels** has advised us that the Cubs game we will 'catch' is on August 22, against the San Francisco Giants. More information will be sent out later, but you can jot down the day on your calendar, and save the date. I was telling somebody about their Opening Day in April. He said, 'opening day for what'? I was shocked he didn't know, I said, 'I'm sorry, we can't be friends'. Go Cubbies!

We have six new Skyliners members, **John Florent**, **Renee & Gary Jackus**, from ORDHN and ORDCG respectfully, **Judith O'Mahoney**, ORDHN, **Mathilda Koepf**, ORDMK, and **Janice Gilligan**, EXOHR, welcome to our lovely little group. Former Chicagoans that I heard from were **Marcie & Don Moller**, **Frank Weber**, **John Wade**, **Mila Walker**, and **Ruby Singer**, who now lives in Alabama. She was not affected by that terrible tornado that went through there last month. They all said hello and reminisced about the good old days at ORD and EXO. **Carol & Sam Geiger**, friends from the Loonies, are still in GRR, and say hi to their Loonies friends.

By now you've seen the March Newsletter and read Torgy's Travel Column about D-Day in Normandy, very interesting article, and stories about WW2 are always fascinating. We have a participant in our UAL Chicago family! **Sandra Piwowarczyk's** son-in-law, Terron, was in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne at Ft. Bragg. Now he's in a group that does this jump re-enactment very authentically. He's been studying up for jump school all year, went to Florida in March to get recertified, even lost weight to get into his uniform. Terron will report to Duxford, England on June 3, do a test jump with his group on June 4, and then takeoff on June 5, just as the paratroopers did 75 years ago. His wife, Denise, told me he bought his own parachute system, gear, period-correct uniform, paid fees, airfare, lodging in Florida and France, at a cost of \$17,000. This will be the last re-enactment since they jump out of original C-47 aircraft, the same used in 1944. The planes are getting too old to continue, parts are hard to

find and repairs are almost impossible to complete. I find this whole reenactment riveting. I only wish I could be there to see all this transpiring. Go Terron, Go!

As you know, we've been able to keep the cost of our luncheons under \$25. Our Planning Committee has called and inquired at different restaurants to see what else is offered to us for luncheons. Unfortunately, most places are charging at least \$5 to 8 more than we're paying now. Taxes, wages, food prices, entertainment and other expenses are slowly creeping costs upward. We are lucky that the four banquet halls we frequent have agreed to keep the costs the same, partly because we've been going there for years. Just a heads up that it might not be the case someday, a dollar or two I don't think would be a problem, but at \$5 plus, we don't want to lose our attendees. We're trying to make each luncheon an event you want to visit with friends, enjoy a delicious meal and be entertained.

Our fellow workers that left us last month include, **Robert Kurtz**, **John Ippolito**, and **Gloria Rinkenberger**, ORDF, (her husband is Dave, also ORDF), **Jim Mynning**, ORDF, **Michael Pore**, ORDCG, **Bruce Bosenbecker**, **Carol Heard**, and **Gary Mills**, ORDCS, **Kathy Zuber** and **Tony Procaccio**, ORDMK, **Sharon Zamansky**, CHIRR, **Elaine Aggson**, EXOHR, **Carol Curtis Petty**, EXOTD, and one of the nicer guys around, **Ralph 'Robbie' Robbins**, ORDPV, always pleasant, smart, and a devoted family man. Also gone from our world are Albert Finney, John Dingle, Ken Nordine, Karl Lagerfeld, Peter Tork, Stanley Donen, Andre Previn, Lee Radziwill, David Horowitz, Lyndon LaRouche, Luke Perry, George Mendonca (V-J Day Kiss), Don Newcombe, Clark James Gable, Katherine Helmond, Don Brady, and Chicago's Own, Marshall Brodein, Bozo's Wizzo.

#### Calendar:

Northside Breakfast - Elly's Restaurant, 8:30 A.M., 372 E. Golf Rd., Arlington Heights, IL (**April 10**). Second Wednesday of the month.

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

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W Oakton, Des Plaines, Luncheon, (**April 4**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

**June 17** - Skyliners Lunch— Chandlers, 401 Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 lunch. Get out those Hawaiian duds.

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We take January and February off due to the uncertainty of the weather. There is no report this month from the Indy Racers chapter of RUAEA.



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Although we haven't had too much snow this year, the dark, long cold days of winter have hit us hard. Nor'easters lost two of their own in the past month, both hailing from Hyde Park, MA.

**Mike McCarthy** passed suddenly due to complications following an emergency appendectomy. He worked in many departments during his 30 years at United including ramp service, customer service, baggage service and air freight. Mike was quick with a joke and ever the loyal friend. Post retirement found Mike at the George Wright Golf Course, his 2<sup>nd</sup> home. **Mark Domurat** began his career at United a few years after Mike. An employee of our flight kitchen, Mark was a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, thus earning him the well deserved title of Ramp Chef. He had a contagious smile and ever affable attitude. Mark's leisure time was spent with family fishing and sailing. Prayers for them and their families. We miss these fine men!

**Liz Palmer** tells us that she had a stroke on December 7, but she is doing wonderfully. Quote Liz, "Don't let a stroke get you down". She is getting out to exercise, going to movies and spending time with her family and friends who have helped her immensely! Good for you, Liz. Keep up the great spirits and hard work!

Travel continues for our snowbirds - the **Sugas** are in Australia/New Zealand. We can't wait to hear of their adventures. The **Twings** are still living large and loving Palm Coast and are anxiously awaiting a family reunion coming up in Disneyworld. Fun! The **Regans** spent most of their winter in Florida and plan to spend even more there next year. The **McFarlands** also chase the sun to Florida every year, some happy pix of them on FB. The **Latters** recently returned from their escape to Aruba.

**Debbie Bilodeau**, still mourning the loss of her dad, **Steve**, was treated to a magical night when her husband surprised her with an invitation to Elton John's After Oscars party! Fabulous!

**Mary Beth McDermet** has a birthday in March and anniversary celebrations for the **Peters** and the **Shakleys**! Congratulations!



## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES

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The two fellas were outnumbered but I don't think they minded. **Pat McElhone** and **Bill Wade** were joined by 15 other retirees at our March luncheon which was held at Mama Mia's restaurant in Livonia, Michigan. The gals included **Joni O'Brien** and her mother, **Helen Venn**, **Marguerite Venn**, **Carol Slade**, **Sue Craig**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Carol Shaffner**, **Henri McElhone**, **Pam Shamey**, **Barb Miller**, **Vi Thomas**, **Marcy Vance**, **Debbie Monet**, **Gwen Dyc Schwendenmann** and **Camille Wade**. Bill & Camille hosted and served cookies for dessert. The Irish buttons were a cute touch. Thanks to them for a nice afternoon. A group gathered in Brighton, Michigan to have lunch with **Jeff & Carole Lefleur** a couple of weeks ago. They were in town for an appointment and it was a good opportunity for them to see old friends. Joining them were **Carol Shaffner**, **Patty Gates**, **Marlene Heaney**, **Mary Kay Edoff**, and **Gwen Dyc Schwendenmann**. We had such a good time and vowed to get together soon. Jeff is scheduled for surgery on March 11, his address is 1117 Scarlet Oak E., Jackson, MI 49201.

Everyone has heard stories of someone falling off of a bar stool. But leave it to our own DTWRR retiree, **Gay Givens** to fall off of an ice cream bar stool! This 'little' incident, and her run in with a chip stand, caused her to have 17 staples in her head, 8 stitches in her temple, a black eye and a trip to the Beaumont Hospital ER. She is doing fine. And oh yes, the ice cream was delicious! Drop her a line at 7466 Bingham, Dearborn, MI 48126-1429.

Hurry Spring!

Thought for the month: "Never postpone joy."

## MINNESOTA

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The Twin Cities was heading with great gusto (weather-wise) toward the all-time snowiest February on record, with icy roads, over 1500 spinouts and crashes over the weekend, the city fathers whining about sidewalks not being shoveled ... plus another 5-6 inches of new snow expected overnight, snarling up the morning commute. Since last August decision of assembled Lites that when bad weather raises its ugly head, no calls will be made or emails sent to advise of a canceled meeting. It's now a personal decision whether or not to brave bad driving conditions just to go to lunch. **Dick Haag** and Prez **Mike Cunningham** found themselves the only two at the Golden Corral that day. It was déjà vu (all over again!)



because they were the only two **last** winter when the weather got nasty and the driving got dicey! Now that's a couple of tough guys ... By the way, February **finally** ended as the 4<sup>th</sup> snowiest month ever recorded in the Twin Cities. Not a record we wanted, but as Northlanders, we embrace winter and all that comes with it, sometimes.

I got an email from **Sonja Gunderson**, she heard from **Glenda Morton**, widow of our old pal, Mort, that her son, Scott, must have inherited his Dad's kidney issues because his brother, Jeff, just recently donated one of his in a surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Both guys are doing well and now the healing begins. Glenda can be reached by email at [mgmort@sio.midco.net](mailto:mgmort@sio.midco.net) if you want to touch base with her.

We're saddened by the passing of **Joe Balogh**, very first president of the Northern Lites. Joe put in about 40 years with Capital/UAL, working at MSP as a customer service agent. He slung bags, wrote tickets, worked the gates and weighed and balanced the airplanes in Load Planning. At 91, he hadn't been able to join us for lunch for a while, but none of us will ever forget that he spearheaded our hosting the 1999 RUAEA convention. He was a good guy and he'll be missed. Condolences may be sent to his son, Brian, at 18501 Woolman Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Lunch and meeting at 11:00 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral, 3000 White Bear Ave., Maplewood, MN. (Directions: I-694 to Exit 50, south 2 short blocks to a strip mall on the left, next to Aldi's Market.)

## NEBRASKA



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It was a cold, but at least not windy, day that 18 of us met at the Farm House on February 5 for a wonderful lunch. That was a really small group but at least for February we were able to meet. Often times in the past, the February meeting had to be cancelled due to weather. We were honored to have visitors. **Ron & Barb Bertacini** came to join us from Roseville, California. They were accompanied by **Pam & Ray Ziebarth**. Ron is a past president of RUAEA and a former OMA employee and Pam is the current Treasurer of the RUAEA organization. Ron has also worked in Chicago, Sacramento, San Francisco, and others. While in Omaha, he was employed in the flight kitchen until it closed in 1983 and then transferred into customer service where he worked until he retired in 1996. Ron spoke for a while about his adventures in the company and as president of RUAEA. He encouraged all to consider coming to the RUAEA convention which will be in Denver this year. RUAEA is our lifeline to the company and keeps us not only connected to other retiree organizations around the country but also what is the latest happening at United. They publish a monthly newsletter containing minutes from chapter meetings as well as pass travel information, legislation, financial reports and technology updates within the company. It only costs \$30 a year and is a wealth of in-

formation. The winners of the 50/50 were **Dick Weak** and **Ron Bertacini**, each received \$11. Dick was generous and donated his winnings back to the chapter. Thanks Dick.

I got a call from **Bill Boner**. He is home now and fully recovered from heart surgery. He says he is feeling very well and hopeful he'll be able to get some golf in this summer. I also received a letter from **John Mason** letting me know that **Stella Mason** had sustained a fractured pelvis some months ago and has done a good job of recovering considering she is 90 years old. He also has endured chemo and radiation treatments over two years for cancer and has gotten along "pretty well." We wish both of you well John and Stella.

I also just received a call from **Frank Sesto** telling me he has been in the hospital for a few days with severe back pain causing great difficulty getting around. He is continuing testing and is transferring to Brookestone Meadows, 600 Brookestone Meadows Plaza, Elkhorn for a few weeks of rehabilitation. We wish you the best Frank and hope they find the cause of the problem.

New Members: **Larry & Kathy Lumpkin**, 1715 N. 216<sup>th</sup> Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022, (402) 312-4675, [captainltl@cox.net](mailto:captainltl@cox.net). Welcome Larry & Kathy. Everyone, please add this information to the membership list you received last month. March birthdays ~ **Marge Edwards** (1), **Mary Pierson** (21), **Sena Jensen** (30). Happy birthday to each and everyone.

Well, last month I told you that we were going to center our monthly meetings at the Farm House Restaurant because of its accessibility and a private space to meet. Well, that hasn't worked out as well as we hoped so this month we are moving back to the Golden Corral, 6006 N. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha. It is under new management so we are hopeful it will be more customer friendly. Our next meeting is March 5 at 11:30am. The restaurant does not open until 11am so no need to get there early, and no need to preregister. Just pay at the door as you enter. This is equally convenient and the room we use there has a door we can shut to cut out the noise. Hopefully this will work out better. Hope to see more of you there if the weather man cooperates and the flu bug vacates the area.

### Calendar:

**April 2** - Golden Corral, 6006 N. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, hosted by **Shirley Payton**

**May 7** - Elmwood Tower, 801 S. 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, hosted by **Judy Nekonchuk**

**June 4** - Blair Picnic, hosted by **Betsy & Bill Anderson**

## NEVADA

### LAS VEGAS SILVER LINERS

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The Silverliners held their regular Luncheon meeting at Giuseppe's Italian Grill with 37 members and guests in atten-

dance. **Marine Dover** who retired from CHIRR was a friend and guest of our member **Georgeann Auer**, and prior to the end of the meeting she became a member of the Silverliners. The other guest was **Jeannie Rolland's** daughter **Laura Marshall**. The meeting started off with the Pledge of Allegiance, afterward we all sat down and had our lunch served.

After the lunch was complete, Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland** gave the membership the financial report for our chapter which was well received. Jeannie also mentioned that the August Luncheon will be \$10.00 per person instead of \$20.00 per person. This was being done to try and attract a better turnout during the summer meeting. She also took a menu change for our next luncheon. Jeannie also mentioned that The Las Vegas Helping Hands Food Bank, which ensures many seniors here in the Las Vegas Valley have at least one good meal daily, sent us a Thank You letter for our donations of 148.2 pounds of food items to them at Christmas time. Jeannie also mentioned that we now have 68 active members. It was also mentioned that 5+ years ago we had over 100 active members. Secretary **Don Rutkowski** thanked **Jeannie Rolland** and **Eleanor Vasko** for their efforts to arrange the seating, the menu and sweet treats for this and every luncheon, their efforts pay off nicely. Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** went over the Members February Birthdays and Anniversaries. The membership also thanked Eleanor for being the "Sweet Treat Fairy". Every luncheon, she places sweets at every table and she does this out of her own heart and pocket. The floor was opened up for questions or complaints and most items were minor in nature. We thanked the staff of Giuseppe's Italian Grill, Heather & Maria, for taking care of us with great service and food every time.

Just before closing the luncheon, we had our 50/50 drawing for \$25.00, \$20.00, \$16.00 plus we also raffled off many wrapped items placed on the gift table by the membership. The Luncheon/Meeting was closed and the Board members wished everyone to be safe driving home on this unusual rainy/windy day here in Las Vegas Valley and a Happy Valentine's Day. The next Luncheon will be on April 11, 2019.

The Silverliners hold our meetings on the second Thursday of every even month, our next Luncheon will be on April 11, 2019. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. The doors open at 11:00am, 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](mailto:geodon1192@gmail.com) or call him at (702) 300-4038, we will be glad to see you.



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

There was a typo in the last newsletter regarding meeting

dates. Cards with the correct dates were handed out at the meeting. Others will receive their cards in the mail. The only unannounced date is September.

February birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Reid** and **Bill Perkins**. The 50/50 raffle was won by birthday boy **Bill Perkins**. In addition, **Donna Perkins** won a box of chocolate candy. Bill & Donna announced they will be relocating to Roseville in the next few months. We will miss them.

**Bill Perkins**, our baker extraordinaire, treated us all to German Chocolate cupcakes. We started our lunch with dessert – life is too short to wait.

### **NEW JERSEY**

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The Gardenstaters met at Snuffy's restaurant in Scotch Plains and President **Frank Warzocha** opened the meeting with a flag salute. That was followed by a sad commentary and a moment of silence for all those who have passed. The following names were read as passing: **Lorraine Foster** - flight attendant EWR, **Rose Eckert** - flight attendant EWR, **Jim Huffman** - EWR TR, **Joe Salarzak** - EWR ramp service, **Ken Cook** - husband of retired EWR flight attendant **Debbie Cook**, **Kathy Hutchens** - flight attendant, **Lorraine Sharkey** - wife of **Connie Sharkey** of EWR building and maintenance. Also, **Ada Enfield** is recovering from a stroke.

Although **Frank Kokoszka** and **Ed Marucci** arrived late, it was just in time for the food; still it was good to see them. **Marty Etler** urged the people at the meeting to join the United Retiree Association at the behest of **Norma Betters** who is the RUAEA Northeast Regional director.

**Bill Burke** won the 50/50. Our next meeting will be on March 27 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM

\*\*\*\*From the great prophet Leroy ~ "If you want to know what is wrong with democracy, have a five-minute conversation with the average voter".

### **NEW YORK**

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

A reminder to all that we only meet 4 times a year, March, June, September and December. Everyone is welcome and can receive information or make reservations by calling or email at the above address.



## NEW YORK METROS

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Twenty Metros attended our luncheon today. **Emma Milazzo** reported a nice balance to our account.

Happy March birthdays to **Joyce O'Donnell** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Diane Pozzi** (7<sup>th</sup>), **Jon Buteri** (9<sup>th</sup>), **John Greene** and me (10<sup>th</sup>), **Kathy Saluto** (16<sup>th</sup>), **Leo Talachino** (18<sup>th</sup>), **Susan Fleming** (23<sup>rd</sup>) and **Tony Satuto** (27<sup>th</sup>).

Happy anniversary to **Kathy & Anthony Satuto** on March 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot to celebrate this month in their household.

50/50 winners: **Donna Feingold** (\$20), **John Klos** (\$10) and **Ed Pozzi** (\$10).

We welcome new members **Patti Beamer** and **Suzanne Lagasi**. Suzanne is a former UAL employee, now with Jet Blue, and is the mother of our frequent guest, **Mario Lagasi**. They are the daughter and grandson, respectively, of **Ed & Diane Pozzi**.

Collectors' pen sets donated by **Ed Pozzi** were won by **Patti Beamer**, **John Greene**, me and **Donna Feingold**.

### Calendar:

**April 3** - Meeting at Davenport Press.

## OHIO



### OHIO BUCKEYES

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Our chapter met on February 6 at the Fuji Grill n Buffet in Parma for our lunch. The weather wasn't cooperating with us and so between all the snowbirds in FL and the weather, we had a small turnout of only 49 members. Grace was given by **Dolly Taucher**. Our faithful members, **Bernie Garrah** and **Joe Moses** conducted the 50/50 drawing. The winners were **Tom Hassel** and **Nancy Carter**. We thanked our host **John Taucher** for always doing such a good job.

We did have a few members in the past few months that had to go to the hospital: **Barb Vauls**, **Joe Moses**, **Elda Custer** and **Tom Hockett**. **Mary Kavcar** was called and she had just had a stroke and **Joe Kavcar** is having issues from a heart attack he had in 2016. We are hoping everyone will keep them in your thoughts and prayers. A long-time member, **Bill Althouse**, passed away on January 10<sup>th</sup>. It is believed that he passed in his sleep from a possible heart attack.

Last year we added 5 new members and so far, this year we already have 4 new members. We welcomed new member **Jack Wright** (a friend of **Bernie Kazimer**). Also, thanks to **Candy Kane**, the following 3 people also have signed up: **Sue Bagnall**, **Marie Keister** and **Noreen Janichi**.

For those people that haven't heard - For all of you that maybe traveling out of the USA, your driver's license must be upgraded to "Compliant". It went into effect on July 2, 2018.

You must be Federal compliant. Go to BMV with the following proof: current driver's license, your birth certificate, Social Security card, 2 house utility bills, and marriage license (if married).

January Birthdays: **Sue Broderick**, **Nancy Carter**, **Jacki Craig**, **Al Kicen**, **Betty Krischker**, **Marie Pivik**, and **Kay Preston**.

February Birthdays: **Tom Hockett**, **Mary Lou Mack**, **Jeff Spooner**, **Dolly Taucher**, and **Frank Wachs**.

January Anniversaries: **Mike & Sharon Minelli** (58 yrs.), **Nick & Mary Jane Penick** (51 yrs.), **Jerry & Shirley Springer** (62 yrs.), and **Tom & Marian Sturgeon** (17 yrs.).

February Anniversaries: **John & Gay Crawford** (56 yrs.), **Dave & Sharon Simpson** (45 yrs.), **Van & Bonnie Sims** (20 yrs.), and **Bob & Beverly Templeton** (61 yrs.).

We Ohio Buckeyes welcome all visitors to our luncheons. So, if you're going to be in or around Cleveland, just contact us and we will be happy to set it up. You will enjoy yourself.

### Calendar:

**April 3** - Mahle's Restaurant, hosted by **Jacki & Gene Craig**

**May 1** - Shale Creek Clubhouse, hosted by **Barbara Vauls**

**June 5** - Rose Hill Restaurant, hosted by **John & Carrie Kercel**

## OREGON

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What a fun meeting we had in February. The tables were decorated with Primroses, which were gifted as door prizes at the end of our meeting, making the place feel even more festive. We celebrated Chinese New Year with an oriental themed lunch, as well as Valentine's Day, and the almost 160<sup>th</sup> birthday of our wonderful state. We had 48 folks join us so lots of chatting, and laughter, as usual.

We, unfortunately, have some sad news to report: **Frank Martell** (retired PDXCS) passed away recently after battling cancer for some time. He was living in Arizona. Cards may be sent to his daughter, Beth, to 697 NW Norwood St, Camas, WA, 98607-2624. **Jane Futrell** continues to battle Multiple Myeloma and has required several blood transfusions recently. She has been unable to attend our gatherings for several months now. Please consider sending her a card: 12508 NE 5<sup>th</sup> St., Vancouver, WA 98684-0814

However, we also celebrated some good news: **Cliff Blare** had hip replacement surgery in October and is now able to walk without a cane. **Lori King** was not able to join us this month but is reportedly doing well, after suddenly losing her husband, Gene, in November; she sent a message wishing all of us a happy day. Member **Margaret Borbely** jokingly announced that she was delighted to report that she was not pregnant, which brought a big laugh!



New Business: After no one expressed interest at taking on the responsibility for our 50/50, our President presented a sign up sheet asking members to consider doing a month or two, rather than an open ended commitment. By the end of the meeting, all months for the remainder of the year were spoken for. What an amazing response!

This month's quote from our President, which generated lots of laughs, was attributed to the cartoon character, Maxine: *I know you have been laying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "LUVS", "Huggies", and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends". "Well, here is the low down on the whole thing: When babies pee in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper'em. When old people pee in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will. Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind".*

Anniversaries: None.

Birthdays: **Ron Vriens, Betty Alff, Lori Putman and Irma Larkin.**

Drawing Winners: Lunch/Door Prize - **Louise Robillard**; Men's Birthday - **Ron Vriens**; Women's Birthday - **Irma Larkin**; 50/50: **Rosalie Betschart.**

#### Calendar:

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

**March 13** – Guest speaker from AARP

**April 10**

**May 8**

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We took the winter off! Please join us for our first spring luncheon/meeting on April 8 at Clarion Hotel in Es-sington. It will be our first meeting without the presence of our dear friend **Alan Edwards**. His wife **Kathy** misses him dreadfully.

**Marcia Ems** and **Barbara Fanto** are still fighting health issues.

See you soon.

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

### TENNESSEE

#### TENNESSEE ROCKY TOPS

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

### WASHINGTON

#### EMERALD CITY SLICKERS

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Because our February luncheon was canceled due to the unusual snow and ice, there is no meeting news. Special thanks go to **John Haferbecker**, who, as acting secretary, prepares an extensive monthly report that appears in *Contrails*, the Seattle chapter's local newsletter published before our regular meetings. He managed to fill in with other information for our March issue. John's information is so "right on," that Correspondent **Gay Liesse** barely takes notes any more. The Emerald City Slickers commiserate with all of you retirees from around the country – really the world – who experience real winter. Many of you scoff at the way a few inches of snow can bring Seattle to a halt, but you must remember that this doesn't happen every year here, Folks. Seattle is built on hills and even heavy, lumbering garbage trucks can't make the grade when black ice brings us "one yard forward, two yards back." Your proffered solutions are easier said than done, so we'll continue to muddle through. There was some concern when snow flurries hit again a few days before the March luncheon, but it looks as if was just a reminder of what could happen. Stay warm and dry!

In the absence of Treasurer **Bonnie Frey**, Assistant Treasurer **Noreen Krawczyk** takes over as the money handler for our March lunch and **Judy Storey** sits in Noreen's chair to check in members and guests and to be sure each gets the right colored sticky note to indicate his/her luncheon entrée choice. **Kathie Torgison** conducted an appreciated demonstration on making the best use of the updated retirees' online reservation system for a group of retirees at the Kent Public Library February 19. Each attendee (or couple) brought his/her own electronic device to experience hands-on how to go about reserving space for various levels of retiree travel – with and without a registered "friend." It all makes more sense now – and instills a desire to try pass travel! Who is Kathie? She's the gal who writes the "Travel Tips" column for the RUAEA Newsletter and her smiling face graces the cover of last month's March issue. What an asset to the Seattle chapter and to the organization as a whole!

Vice President **Phyllis Bowman** continues to recover from last November's fall that put her on hold for several months. Phyllis keeps up her rehabilitation and therapy at a private care home in Newcastle.

In an update from *Contrails*, **John Haferbecker** writes the following, congratulating **Kay Johnson** on her birthday: "Kay will mark her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Kay started her United career in Seattle Reservations in 1962 during the time of the World's Fair and after five years, she transferred to Sea-Tac and worked as a customer service agent until she retired in 1979. Kay lived in eastern Washington for a while after her retirement and then moved to Renton for a number of years and in 2016 ... moved to Cathedral City, CA to be near her daughter and granddaughter. Kay says she misses [the late] **Edna Harris** who was one of our members and who used to winter in Cathedral City. Kay and Edna would socialize when they were together in California. Happy 101<sup>st</sup> birthday, Kay!"

The calendar claims that Daylight Savings Time will have taken effect March 10 and that Spring will have begun March 20. Before then we'll undoubtedly have seen some wearin' o' the green at our March luncheon several days before St. Patrick's Day. Easter appears on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month. Can the return of our snowbirds from Arizona be far behind?

#### Calendar:

**April 9** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

**May 14** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's



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

#### WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Our meeting in February was very well attended. We had approximately 65 members and guests in attendance. **Alice Feng** and her husband **Kenneth**, decided to come to our Valentine's luncheon and had so much fun that Alice became a member. Their fun at their first DL luncheon was enhanced when Alice won the \$36 50/50. **Cathy Gilbert-Silva** made up Valentine swag bags for people to take home. The lunch-

eon went on for longer than usual because there were so many door prizes. There were Valentine coffee cups, Valentine candy, Valentine note pads, gift certificates from our sponsor, *Glory Days* and two plates of homemade Valentine cookies by our very own Chef/baker **Don Jones**.

**Bob O'Roark** set up a very impressive table of UAL memorabilia. It is always such fun to peruse his displays and take those nostalgic walks down memory lane. Bob has also made a DVD chronicling the building and expansion of Dulles International Airport. They are selling locally for \$5.00. If you are interested in buying one, please let me know and I will check on the cost of postage.

**Jon Beckett**, our official photographer, stays busy at each of our luncheons taking beautiful pictures and making sure we can always look back on our great times. **Hank & Gale Heuser** have found a dental plan that has variety of offers starting at \$7 a month. It appears to be a great, money-saving plan. The website to learn more is [www.dentalplans.com](http://www.dentalplans.com). Hank & Gale are also very willing to talk to you about this at [hanksterw@aol.com](mailto:hanksterw@aol.com)

The saddest news that I must report is the death of retired F/A **Maren Hodson**. Maren went on a wonderful 2-week cruise with friends to the Caribbean. She arrived home on February 24<sup>th</sup> feeling under the weather. The next day, she went to the hospital. She had caught a virus and her illness became progressively worse until she was moved to Hospice care on March 5<sup>th</sup>. She passed away peacefully on March 6<sup>th</sup> surrounded by her loving sons, Brad and Than, daughter-in-law Karen and Maren's best friend since childhood, Elinor. A memorial service will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. For further information, you may contact me at the above address. If you will be attending from out-of-town, a block of rooms will be reserved at a reduced rate.

If you are interested in being a docent at Udvar-Hazy Center (air & space museum) near IAD, a training class will begin in September 2019. No experience is required, all experience is welcome. If you are interested contact **Janet Balthasar** at [govtsorce@aol.com](mailto:govtsorce@aol.com).

We are already in the planning stage of our end-of-our-year blowout in June. Please let us know if you have any interest in joining us at Barrel Oak Winery in Delaplane, VA which sits at the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in the Shenandoah Valley. Keith Meurlin, President of the Washington Airports Task Force will be a guest speaker for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. **Martha Mizroch**, a current Flight Attendant for UAL and member of the BOD for United We Care Foundation, will also speak to us about how various applicants are chosen for assistance as well as other services that are provided.

Here in Virginia, we are so looking forward to Spring. Mother Nature has been teasing us that promise lately.

Our luncheons are the second Wednesday of every month. They are always held at the Golden Corral in Manassas, VA. We are happy to see old friends and always welcome new ones!



## NATIONAL



### CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

I am hoping by the time you are reading this, the snow that blanketed most of the Northern United States and a bit of the Southwest are all but a memory of a very cold winter. For many of the Mountain areas, I would imagine there would be great Spring skiing. Many of our snowbirds that flew South for the winter are returning to their Northern nests. What a great time of year, seeing the crocus and daffodils poke their heads up from the once frozen ground ... Aahh, Spring time, everyone is ready to start venturing out in the warmer air.

Many of our Chapters are welcoming new members. This is a great time of the year for current or former Flight Attendants to join a Chapter. Our North East Chapters, especially Boston and Manchester, are seeking new members to enjoy helping with Chapters' specific philanthropies and Special Olympics on a National level.

Some of our Chapters on the West Coast are planning a "Layover" to Wine Country of Southern California.

Our PDX Chapter is very busy planning our Convention for 2020 and by the sound of it ... plans are moving right along.

The CHI/ORD Chapter was entertained by actress, Martina Mathisen, as she portrayed 1930's -40's gossip columnist and screenwriter, Louella Parsons.

We are "Continuing the Connection" with our flying friends. Our Chapters are staying very busy supporting our various philanthropies and having tons of fun at the same time.

If you know any former or current UAL/CAL Flight Attendants that would like more information about Clipped Wings, they can find us at [www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org](http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org).

We are a fun group!

Wishing you all blue skies!



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## NEW MEMBERS

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

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **February 2019**:

Adams, Kathleen, SFOSW, 3041 Fireside Dr., San Jose, CA 95128

Dittig, Barbara, IDLSW, 2404 Horseshoe Ct., Rocklin, CA 95765

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Higley, Harold, JFKFO, 6214 Shelter Cove Circle, Midlothian, VA 23112

Malesardi, Michael, DENMM, 9151 Weatherstone Ct., Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

Tavita, Benjamin, 351 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. #2, San Francisco, CA 94121



## CONTRIBUTIONS

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

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **February 2019**:

John R. Albert, William F. Alenson, James Andrews, Thomas H. Barnes, Everett M. Bell, Harry A. Benson, Steven G. Borbely, Gerald L. Brazeau, Albert L. Brose, Cathryn I. Catelain, Jennifer L. Clark, Joanne Craig, David J. Cranfield, Joan K. Curtin, Stephen R. Davis, Richard L. Dean, Darrel Dilley, Martin J. Egan, Dorothy L. Engels, Alice Feng, Joseph C. Fitak, C. Sam Geiger, G. Joseph Heinen, Ronald L. Heiseler, David Hojara, Sharon Holmes, Mary T. Horan, Ronald J. Huhn, Thomas J. Hurley, Ole S. Jensen, Tom Kalfa, George A. Kallas, Richard T. Kato, Shirley A. Keister, Raymond E. Kern, Larry A. Knaub, Francis X. Knott, Carl Kole, Susan Koller, Robert M. Kostuk, Nadine Kramer, James E. Mansfield, William R. Mansur, Jose L. Martinez, Frank P. McAnulty, Jeanne M. McCloskey, James J. McIntosh, Gordon McKinzie, Clarence A. McNeil, Dorothy E. Mickelsen, John D. Muir, Margaret Peggy Naumann, Robert M. Newlands, Stephanie Nichols Simpson, Harold W. Ogle, Betty J. Opbroek,

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## OBITUARIES

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

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

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Retiree – **Aggson, Elaine E.**, on 1/31/2019, WHQHR, wife of Ronald B. Aggson (deceased), 317 Durango, Palm Desert, CA 92260

Retiree – **Beal, Harold D.**, on 1/28/2019, SFOEG, husband of June Lee Beal, 821 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Mateo, CA 94402

Spouse – **Connors, Lois (Arlene)**, on 1/28/2019, wife of John Connors, ORDMM, 730 S. State, Hampshire, IL 60140

Retiree – **Bosenbecker, Bruce L.**, on 2/22/2019, ORDCCS, brother of Raymond Jr., Don and William, 5530 N. Linden Ave., Chicago, IL 60656

Retiree – **Clark, Joseph N.**, on 1/29/2019, ORDJL, husband of Carol Clark, 7 Katsina Cir., Hardy, AR 72542

Retiree – **Conway, John C.**, on 2/1/2019, ORDJL, husband of Carol A. Conway, 3426 N 150 W, Lebanon, IN 46052

Retiree – **Dow, Loraine (Lori) B.**, on 12/26/2018, SFOSW, sister of Caryn Birchenough, 1840 N. Main St., Penn Yan, NY 14526

Retiree – **Gielas, Theodore (Ted) F.**, on 4/1/2018, DENCg, husband of Maureen Gielas, 8215 E. 148<sup>th</sup> Way, Thornton, CO 80602

Retiree – **Graham, Kathleen (Kathy)**, on 1/29/2019, DENCs, friend of many, 52 S. Evanston Way, Aurora, CO 80012

Retiree – **Hills, Jacquelyn (Jackie) L.**, on 2/13/2019, LAXTR, life partner of Marion Barnett, 1613 3<sup>rd</sup>. Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Retiree – **Huffman, Jimmie D.**, on 2/2/2019, SANTR, husband of Diana M. Huffman, 15 Rafael Ln., Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Retiree – **Hughes, Donald R.**, on 1/5/2019, SFOCG, husband of Mary E. Hughes, 1916 Bishop Rd., Belmont, CA 94002

Retiree – **Ippolito, John A.**, on 2/11/2019, ORDFF, husband of Blanche O. Ippolito, 17191 Northfield Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Retiree – **Kenny, James A.**, on 1/29/2019, WHQES, husband of Carol W. Kenny, 5902 Springs Blvd., Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Retiree – **Kern, Paul I.**, on 1/27/2019, EWRFF, husband of Marcella Kern, 42 Diane Ave., Old Bridge, NJ 08857

Retiree – **Morgan, Donald L.**, on 2/9/2019, LAXFO, husband of JoAnn Morgan, 245 Coronado, Corona, CA 92879

Retiree – **Olsen, Marvin (Jim)**, on 2/12/2019, DENMM, husband of Winona (Nona) Olsen (deceased), 3326 S. Verbena Ct., Denver, CO 80231

Retiree – **Reeder, Norman F.**, on 3/4/2019, HNLSZ, husband of Janice (Jan) Reeder, 1365 Sinagua Ct., Reno, NV 89511

Retiree – **Rinkenberger, Gloria V.**, on 3/1/2019, ORDFF, wife of David A. Rinkenberger, ORDFF, PO Box 744, Burlington, IL 60109

Retiree – **Robbins, Ralph V. (Robbie)**, on 3/2/2019, ORDPV, husband of Carole Robbins, 13 S. Wildwood Dr., Prospect Heights, IL 60070

Retiree – **Reid, Andy**, on 12/20/2018, SFORQ, friend of many, 1228 Crestwood Dr., S. San Francisco, CA 94080

Spouse – **Roseman, Vincent P.**, on 9/7/2018, IADRR, husband of Ann L. Roseman, IADRR, 613 Keystone Rd., Seward, PA 15954

Spouse – **Salata, Theodore**, on 9/16/2017, husband of Sandra C. Salata, SFOSW, 7129 Sereno Loop, Santa Fe, NM 87507

Spouse – **Wyr, Barbara H.**, on 9/31/2018, SFOMM, wife of Erwin Wyr, 456 Cumberland Rd., Burlingame, CA 94010

Retiree – **Yauch Jr., Edward F.**, on 2/22/2019, PITMM, husband of Catherine Yauch, 507 Kingston Circle, Venetia, PA 15367 ■



## 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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## Notes

### John E White, 2710 Courtside Dr., Roseville, CA 95661

On November 8, 2018, my home at 5595 Gramerey Place in Paradise, CA burned down as did most of the town.

I have since moved to Roseville, CA.

### Diana Bell

It's hard to believe that this year I have been retired for 18 years! After 38 years living in the Santa Cruz Mountains, I recently moved to El Dorado Hills, CA into a 55+ community. I love it, happy and well. Thank you to all the volunteers that keep the newsletter published. I look forward to reading it, although I'm sorry to say that I recognize fewer and fewer people.

### Gerald Brazeau

I enjoy reading the Newsletters. Thank you.

### John Bohan

Working at UALMM for 42 years, that experience gave me the opportunity of receiving the prestigious FAA, Master Mechanic, Charles Taylor Award in 2008.

### Albert Brose

I want to thank all the volunteers who keep the RUAEA members updated through the newsletter. I look forward to it every month.

It was 60 years ago that I started at UAL. We have been to SYD, ROME, and FRA in the last few years.

I still enjoy traveling and have been retired 19 years, where does the time go?

Here's wishing all a safe and wonderful year.

### Darrel Dilley

I have not been able to participate in any of RUAEA events. I just need to take time to do that. Thanks to all who keep this going.

### Barbara Dittig

I married in 1964 and being a stewardess was required to resign, (maiden name - Eichel). I have been a member of Clipped Wings since 1980. United has always meant a lot to me. I thoroughly enjoyed my 11 years with the company and have remained loyal.

### Janice Gawenda

I would like to extend to all our retirees an open invitation to join the Chicago Skyliners. We have luncheons, tours of our facilities, a Cubs game, and other fun things. Somehow, but luckily, I became President this year, and I'd love to see some old and new friends, come join us. Anybody from UA or CO can come to the future with us.

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

Barbara Abernathy, John Albert, Tom Barnes, Steven Borbely, Gilbert Cano, Helen Cantrell, Pamela Celan, Norma Ciariarello, Ron Clark, Joanne Craig, Richard Dean, Dorothy Engels, Donald Fusina, Linda Gless, Ludwig Heier, Marilyn Halt, Mary Horan, Nick Hyland, Thomas Hurley, June McManus, Arlene Montalbano, Merritt Odor, Betty Oprobok, Susan Patti, Rose Marie Piorunski, Joe Saladino, James Sarsfield, John Soja, Lee Storlie, Hilde Schwan, Myriam Tashima, Patricia Viering, Bonnie Wanderer, Catherine Yauch.

## **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.)*

### **Ruth Marston, 12422 E. Caspian Dr., Aurora, CO 80014**

Another year, I am doing well. My health is good except for the aorta heart valve. I got my third one in December. Their goal is to get one to last 10 years. They last for seven years now.

At 88, I have slowed down a lot. I still drive to the grocery store, post office and church.

I did not travel this past year.

I am hoping to have a better year this time.



Look up [ChicagoSkyliners.org](http://ChicagoSkyliners.org), we have an application right there. Fill it out, write a check for \$5, put a stamp on it, and be prepared for a year of fun! All the pertinent Info is right there. Follow the yellow brick road of directions, I'll be yours and you'll be mine! Looking forward.

**Dale Hanamoto**

I am retired, traveling and loving it...

**Jeanne M. McCloskey**

First of all, so sorry for being late on this payment ... no excuses! Life is good. I'm healthy as is my family and am very grateful for that.

**Donna Miller**

I recently returned from a 3 week tour/vacation.

We spent New Year in the L.A. area and watched the Tournament of Roses from bleacher seats. We saw the finishing touches being put on the floats the night before (New Year's Eve) and then saw a "post-parade" viewing the day after the parade. To see them "up close and personal" was the most impressive.

January 4, 2019 we embarked the Norwegian Star to cruise the Panama Canal for 2 weeks stopping at 5 international ports and disembarked in Miami on Jan 18, 2019.

**Jackie Price**

Working as a Flight Attendant with United was the best job I have ever had. It helped me realize my endless potentials. I enjoyed working with its great people.

**Linda Rice**

I enjoyed over 42 years with UA and miss my fellow employees and the interesting customers. Participating in RUAEA helps keep me feel some what involved.

Thank you to all that keep this organization going.

**Barbara L Rothermal**

We just had our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and are still in love!

**Edward Taylor**

I retired 12/2005. I need to see what's going on, since I let my dues laps. Sorry.

**Wayne Walusiak**

I am recovering from base of the tongue cancer treatment. I am almost back to being able to eat. Drop a line!

**Bernice Wright**

I am still enjoying life here in the Pacific Northwest. I keep busy with volunteer organizations, Food Banks and Homeless shelters. I always enjoy your Newsletter.

Thank you for keeping me posted.■



# Important Phone Numbers



*Updated 7/2017*

**United Airlines Benefits Center (Central Time)**

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

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

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

**United Employee Service Center**

1-877-825-3729, [esc@united.com](mailto:esc@united.com) (email)

1-847-825-3729 - International Use

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

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

**Employee Travel Center**

1-877-825-3729, [ETC@united.com](mailto:ETC@united.com) (email)

**Flying Together Help Desk**

1-800-255-5801

<https://flyingtogether.ual.com>

**Aetna** 1-800-334-0110

**BC/BS** 1-800-535-9825

**PBGC** - for all retiree pension questions

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

**Social Security Administration**

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

**Alliant Credit Union**

(800) 328-1935 or (773) 462-2000 (24-hours, 7-days-a-week except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day)  
<http://www.alliantcreditunion.org>

**Medicare Hotline** 1-800-633-4227

**CVS/Caremark (Pharmacy)**

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