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## *RUAEA 2020 Convention - San Diego September 22 - 26*

**B**efore you know it, September will be here and so will the 2020 RUAEA Convention in San Diego. The Crowne Plaza, located in Hotel Circle, which is in Mission Valley, provides a good location that places many of your favorite sights within easy reach. Mark the dates: September 22 thru the 26 on your calendar and I will be keeping you advised in the monthly RUAEA Newsletter of activities that will be available to you during your stay in our great Sunshine City.

The first pioneers to arrive in San Diego were rugged, self-reliant and often thought a bit unusual. Although much time has passed, San Diego is still known to attract colorful, out of the ordinary, risk taking characters.

Even today there are many colorful characters that make or have made San Diego home. To name a few you may be familiar with, Robert Duval, who began working at the post office during the night to pay rent and for acting lessons, he is known for starring in "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Apocalypse Now".

Whoopi Goldberg, a single mother with a daughter, at times was in the welfare lines to help pay the bills.

Gregory Peck is remembered as the founder of the La Jolla Playhouse. His career includes 55 film titles. He passed away in 2003 in Los Angeles.

Raquel Welch attended Elementary and graduated from La Jolla High School. During her young years she won various beauty contests before breaking out into a modeling career. She has starred in the San Diego based TV series, "American Family" and has recently had roles on "CSI Miami".

In future issues I will be covering some of the interesting, colorful characters of the past that have molded San Diego into the great city it has become and one you will look forward to visiting. ~ *Barbara Drews*



*Crowne Plaza, San Diego*

# GENERAL NEWS

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## United Airlines Aetna Medicare Advantage



**UNITED**

An article in the New York Times appears to be discussing challenges with a regular Medicare Advantage plan, which is different than the type of plan being offered by United Airlines.

United Airlines Aetna Medicare Advantage ESA PPO plan is a group sponsored plan. This plan is only offered to United Airlines retirees eligible for the plan and no one else. The ESA included in the plan name refers to the extended service area which offers coverage throughout the United States. As long as the doctor accepts payments from Medicare and allows Aetna to process the claim, a member can see providers both in network and out of network at the same cost. If a member has a question about whether a current or future doctor accepts the plan, Aetna is happy to call the billing office on the member's behalf to confirm coverage.

Aetna can answer any questions eligible United retirees might have about the current Medicare Advantage plan.

## Update On No Local Chapters In Your Area



Since our previous article, we have heard from members in South Carolina and Texas. Our Regional Directors have reached out to the retirees. We hope to hear from more of you and succeed in getting you together. Remember we welcome retirees from other airlines. So, if you have friends from other airlines, invite them to join us. We look forward to hearing from you. Please see our contact information in the back of this newsletter.

## A message from Oscar & Scott re. coronavirus response, March 4



To our United family,

In my note to you over the weekend, I said that your role in taking care of our customers would be critical as we manage through this coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, and you are delivering beyond my expectations – we had the best winter month operational performance in January and February that our airline has ever seen. We're also seeing some of the strongest customer satisfaction ratings in recent memory. That is what success for our company looks like and just one of the reasons why Scott and I are so proud of this team.

Scott is joining me for today's update, as a lot has changed since this weekend. Overseas, Cathay Pacific has canceled more than three-quarters of its weekly flights in March, and British Airways canceled a large number of flights between March 16 and March 28 because of a large decline in demand.

The experience of these and other foreign carriers is a further sign that the impact of COVID-19 on our industry - both internationally and here in the U.S. - continues to evolve rapidly. We have taken aggressive action to protect our employees, our customers and our company – and we're back today to provide some additional details.

Due to decline in demand flowing from the impact of COVID-19, we're taking additional steps to reduce our international and domestic schedules. All of our schedule reductions are, importantly, being implemented in a way that minimizes the impact on our employees and our operation. For example, we're reducing the number of frequencies per week, finding routes with alternative travel options via other United hubs, and delaying start dates for seasonal travel to certain destinations – without closing any domestic stations.

International Network Changes: We will reduce our international schedule by 20% in April. We've already begun planning similar reductions in May. These schedule changes go public on March 7 and include

previously announced capacity reductions to select destinations across Asia and suspension of service to Shanghai, Beijing, Chengdu and Hong Kong.

**Domestic Network Changes:** The decline in our international bookings, combined with lower demand among U.S. travelers, requires significant changes to our domestic schedule as well. Our schedules across the U.S. and Canada will be reduced by 10% in April. We've already begun planning similar reductions in May. These changes also go public on March 7.

**Change Fees:** Given the high level of uncertainty regarding travel, we are working to give customers more flexibility. We are waiving change fees for any booking – domestic or international – made between March 3 and March 31.

Due to our planned reduction in domestic and international departures - and the resulting impact on our operation - we have also made the difficult decision to implement the following measures, which will affect our employees:

**Voluntary, Unpaid Leave of Absence:** Starting today, active, non-probationary, U.S.-based employees have the option to apply for a voluntary, unpaid leave of absence or in some cases, a reduced schedule. Details and eligibility will vary by group and employees who are interested can learn more and submit their request through [Help Hub](#).

**Hiring Freeze:** All new hiring has been suspended through at least June 30, except for roles that are critical to our operation. We also are evaluating the schedule for all new-hire training classes as we will need to postpone some of these classes given the domestic and international schedule changes mentioned above.

**Postponed Salary Increases:** 2019 merit salary increases for all Management and Administrative employees, including officers of the Company, will be postponed from April 1 until July 1, 2020. All employees covered by collective bargaining agreements will continue to receive their scheduled increases.

In the midst of all these changes, our core commitment to safety - your safety - has not wavered. We remain in close contact with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, federal officials, and other health organizations as we take a variety of steps to keep our customers and employees safe. We'll continue to keep you in the loop as we implement additional safety measures moving forward.

In this uncertain environment, United, working closely with our labor leaders and the U.S. government, has never been better prepared to weather a crisis like this and that is a tribute to all of you and the jobs you do every day, taking care of our customers and one another.

We sincerely hope that these latest measures are enough, but the dynamic nature of this outbreak requires us to be nimble and flexible moving forward in how we respond. We are confident that if we continue to stick together as one United family, we will emerge from this challenge better positioned than ever to take United to new heights.

Thank you again for all you do.

Regards,

Oscar and Scott

### **No change fees for new bookings, March 3**



The coronavirus outbreak continues to create a high level of uncertainty around the globe regarding travel. As a result, United is working to give its customers more flexibility by waiving change fees for any bookings – domestic and international – made between March 3 and March 31.

The waiver applies to all tickets, all fare types, all destinations, all points of sale and all travel dates available for sale.



## So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

How about a dessert that will set everyone back on their heels? This is too good to not have a second piece and what a way to start your Spring off right. Or a new dessert for Easter?

### Amaretto Bread Pudding

1 loaf French bread  
1 quart half-and-half or milk  
2 tablespoons butter  
3 eggs  
1½ cups sugar  
2 tablespoons almond extract

¾ cup golden raisins

¾ cup sliced almonds

Break up bread and cover with half-and-half. Cover and let stand 1 hour. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease 9x13 inch dish with the butter. Beat eggs, sugar and almond extract (I add a splash of Amaretto here too.) Stir into bread mixture. Gently fold in raisins and almonds. Spread evenly in dish. Place in middle rack and bake 50 minutes. Remove and cool.

### Amaretto Sauce (the good stuff):

8 tablespoons butter

1 cup powdered sugar

1 egg, beaten

4 tablespoons Amaretto Liqueur

Using a double boiler (if you do not have one, carefully mix in a saucepan), stir together butter and sugar until very hot. Remove from heat. Whisk the egg well into butter and sugar mixture. Add Amaretto.

To serve, cut pudding into 12 to 15 pieces. Spoon hot sauce over and serve immediately. You may make sauce ahead of time and warm up just before serving.

## 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), John Chu at [johnqchu@hotmail.com](mailto:johnqchu@hotmail.com) and [ruaeal@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ruaeal@qwestoffice.net). If sent by U.S. Mail, address to RUAEA, 7401 MLK Blvd, Denver, CO 80207-2433. Please allow for postal delay. We cannot extend the deadline!

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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ALABAMA



### GULF COAST (ALABAMA / FLORIDA)

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We had another meeting at the McGuire's Irish Pub. Our President **Conrad Hamilton** is a bit reserved now that he experienced a heart ablation treatment. It seems that it involves burning the inside of the heart, a procedure to get the beat in line. He wanted to do an Irish Jig, but no one wanted to watch.

**Rita Toucher** is going on a "girls" cruise out of Australia later on this month, by flying there, and then coming back out of New Zealand.

**John & Myrl Eisinger** were absent, on their Pan Am Cruise (stay safe).

**George & Desneige Atteberry** will be absent for awhile, at their spring and summer abode in Indiana, but never fear, they will darken your doorstep once again. **Ray & Mai Owens** will take up the scribe post while they are gone (thanks in advance, Ray).

**Rich Hurst**, absent **Maureen**, came in from the golf course.

I did not get to pass the time with **Bill & Ann Delavan** at the other end of the table. They plan to visit family in Maryland during the summer. We need a round table! **Kim Ray** blessed us with her presence, after being absent at least twice.

Our next meeting will be at Carrabbas. **Bill Hayden** and **Barbara Serra** will administer the 50/50 drawing once again after a short absence. It's a good thing, to generate the charity balance of our account.

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

Our next meeting will be the second Monday in March at 11:30 at a Birmingham restaurant, and more information will be provided by **Beverly Yeager** at (256) 775-1711. Please join us if you are in the Birmingham area.

Due to declining attendance, we will now meet 4 times yearly. Our meetings will be the second Monday in 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.

We meet for Breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month at Tivoli Gardens. Anyone in town is welcome. Please call **Sherry Muoio** in advance, if you wish to join us, (623) 572-4828.

## **PHOENIX RE-UNITED'S**

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Have a wonderful Easter! Easter is later this year, and soon a lot of Snowbirds will be leaving their nests here in Arizona. Our chapter still continues to meet for Breakfast every fourth Friday all summer long, so if anyone who worked for United or Continental Airlines at any time or you have any guests here, please know that we would love to have them join us at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, is here all year, so please contact her and let her know you're coming, so she can let the manager of the restaurant know how many to plan for from our chapter. Peg can be reached at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net). We enjoy having visitors!

Our annual picnic is set for Thursday, April 2. We're going to be in a different place this year. It will be held at Birdies Bar and Grill, located at the Fountains of the Sun on 80<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in Mesa. We will be on the outdoor deck, and will order off the menu at your cost. We are going to have a raffle and 10 guests will have their lunch paid for! Isn't that nice? Keep your fingers crossed; you may be one of the lucky ones! Since they have a bar there, we aren't allowed to bring our own bottles to the picnic. Look forward to seeing a lot of our members and guests there. The picnic starts at 11:30 a.m. It's always a lot of fun, and the weather should be perfect. Our new membership directories should be available there, so don't forget to pick yours up.

Our March 11<sup>th</sup> luncheon at the Stone and Barrel Restaurant at Oakwood Country Club in Sun Lakes, hosted by **Jennifer & Chuck Strohmaier**, will be reported on next month.

Our February 28<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner had 26 members there. It was nice to see **Darlene Foster** back with us once again, and also **Nancy Snediker**, who had to drop out because her husband was ill and later, passed away. We heard **Ame Esan** is feeling good and back to work. One of our long time members, **Bob Irwin**, who lived in Lombard, IL, but came to Arizona many years and lived in the Mesa area, moved to a nice independent living complex in Chicago, near his son, who is a Chicago Police Officer. Bob says he loves his view of the Chicago skyline. We will miss him, as he was very active in our chapter. We do care about our members!

We had a great time at the Silver Star Music Theater in Mesa on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We all enjoyed the Rhythm Cats show and the great buffet. It's our kind of music. Thanks to **Joann & John Griffin** for hosting this special show for us once again!

We have the following birthdays in April: **Dot Kuspis, Ron Paluch, Kris Schaeffer, Lynn Hubbard, Chuck Strohmaier, Orland Baldwin**, and **Duri Arquisch**. Happy Birthday to all of you! We have two couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversary, **Olga & Oscar Aguilar** and **Shirley & Bill Eaton**. Congratulations to both couples!

### Calendar:

**April 2** – Picnic at the Birdie Bar and Grill at the Fountains of the Sun located at 80<sup>th</sup> and Broadway in Mesa, starting at 11:30 a.m. Please let **Shirley Claggett** or **Ron Paluch** know if you will be attending at (480) 354-7610 or by email at [indind75@yahoo.com](mailto:indind75@yahoo.com), and if you need help in directions.

**April 24** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Rd. in Gilbert, starting at 9:15 a.m. Please let our Vice President, **Peg Snowdall**, know by April 22, if you will be attending at (480) 396-3317, or by e-mail at [phomfeldt@cox.net](mailto:phomfeldt@cox.net).

**May 22** – Breakfast at the Black Bear Diner.



## **TALL PINES**

We are sorry to inform you that **Joe Tomasic**, the very long time correspondent for the RUAEA Newsletter from the Tall Pines Chapter in Prescott Arizona, passed away on December 14, 2019. His wife of 61 years, **Ann**, passed away on December 27, 2019.

Joe will be long remembered by us for his cheerful manner, his hand written chapter reports, and his beautiful artwork of United airplanes. We extend our condolences to his family and to his friends in the Tall Pines chapter.

Just a reminder to all, our meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month - same time/same place, Lone Spur Café, 11 o'clock.

### **TUCSON ROADRUNNERS**

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

If you would like to attend our luncheons, you can e-mail **Pat Sommer Di Lallo** at [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.

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

#### **Calendar:**

**March 25** - Wednesday, at 11:30 AM, the place (TBD). Come and Join Us!

#### **CENTRAL COASTERS**



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Our February meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Rosa's restaurant in Pismo Beach, hosted by **Bob & Esther Bartlett**. Our hosts gave us plastic decorative wine glasses with candy. They always come up with novel table treats.

In attendance were **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**, **Bob & Marcia Stanger**, **John Wessel**, and **Al & Marilyn Rybar**. We missed our regulars **Nina Powers**, **Barbara Stilwell**, and **Joan Schaefer**.

I was given a birthday card, signed by our members, since my birthday comes in March and we have no scheduled meeting. This was an unexpected and a very pleasant surprise.

**Marcia Stanger** had a hip replacement a few weeks ago and was walking with the help of a temporary walker.

**John Wessel** told us about his leg injury he got when he was in Europe a couple of months ago. He tore a leg ligament and is now wearing a support that allows him to walk and drive.

**Mike Zoldak** opened our meeting by saying he had nothing new to report and as secretary I had nothing to add. We had a very nice lunch and good service.

I asked Mike if his son and family were still in Singapore since he was being transferred to Thailand. He said that they are still in Singapore and so far his family is safe from the Corona virus since a lot of Chinese have fled to Singapore before the quarantine was put into effect.

I enjoy reading the RUAEA newsletter every month and I am remembering fewer and fewer names. My wife and I don't fly any more or do we have any reason to. In the February issue there was an article explaining the Pass Travel for Retirees. After trying to understand how the system works, I prefer to board other airlines and get a firm reservation if I had too. My family and I remember the time we flew, prior to the CO merger, first class due to my seniority. I'm glad we took advantage of the standby system when we did.

Our next meeting will be on April 15<sup>th</sup>, hosted by **Mike & Bridget Zoldak**.

### **DESERT SUNBIRDS**

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**Kathy Wilson** was our Hostess for the Sunbirds' February Luncheon. It was held at the Big Rock Cafe in Indio. **Doreen Roberts** brought her usual guest, **Tom Wheaton**, to make the final tally 28 members and Tom.

A sad note to this report; **Vivien Rotella** called President **Tom Sabo** to advise the chapter that **Jim** had passed away on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Rest assured, Vivien, that our prayers and good wishes are with you.

**Dede Utzinger** reported that the "Patterson" Golf Tournament has been canceled, the first and only time since it's beginning in 1965. I played in that Tournament for many years, the last few with Dede and her husband, John. Even though I do not (cannot) play any more, I still love the game, and miss playing in the "Patterson"!

Kathy, our Hostess, as usual (she is so thoughtful), brought cookies to pass around to the group at the end of the meal. The Birthday Lunch was won by **Norm Burnett**, and **Ron Lerg** took home \$35.00 in the 50/50 drawing.



### **EAST BAY DIABLOS**

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Our March meeting was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at The Golden Corral Buffet in Concord with 19 members in attendance. Social hour started at 11:00 and we went through the buffet at noon. We missed **Tracey Blanchard** who was still in Hawaii. Our group continues to keep the local doctors and dentists in business. It was nice to see **Arnold Hansen, Jr.** back from successful cataract surgery. We missed **Tom Cunningham** who had knee surgery on February 18; and **Ken Bader** who had rotator cuff surgery the beginning of March. **Jan Soderstrom**'s therapy dog Bijou is also getting into the act, keeping the local veterinarians in business. Bijou has an ulcer on her cornea; she is being treated by a veterinary ophthalmologist and is on "medical leave" until further notice. A lot of nursing homes, hospitals and assisted living facilities are canceling volunteer visits due to coronavirus, so many of our therapy dog visits are cancelled anyway.

After lunch, **Joe Leather** conducted the raffle. **Carol Parks** won the money. We had a nice selection of extra prizes for our raffle including wine and candy. **Cheryl Kincaid** and **Carol Parks** gave everyone candy.

As might be expected, the words coronavirus and quarantine were on the tip of everyone's tongue. **Rich Bouska** has been in touch with a fellow pilot who, with his wife, was quarantined on the Diamond Princess in Yokohama, Japan. They had no direct contact with the crew or other passengers. Menus were shoved under the door and meals were left in the hallway. The crew knocked on the door, walked away, and then the passengers



opened the door to get their meals. They were evacuated to Travis AFB in CA, then to Lackland AFB in TX, where they had another 14-day quarantine.

Our member **Rich Bouska** is also a member of RUPA (Retired United Pilots Association.) Rich is responsible for organizing their cruise each year. 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). (I went on the 2016 RUPA cruise from Boston to Montreal and had a wonderful time. A very welcoming and personable group I’d love to travel with again). Here are the salient facts: It’s a 14-day cruise on Holland America, departing June 29, 2020 from, and returning to, Vancouver. You will see the Inside Passage, Ketchikan, Tracy Arm Fjord, Haines, Icy Strait Point, Inian Islands, Anchorage, Homer, Valdez, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, and Misty Fjords. For more information, please contact Rich Bouska direct 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 6 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 4 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. We order from a set menu. Lunch includes soup or salad, choice of entrée, beverage, and choice of ice cream for dessert.
- ✓ Monday, June 1 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 will be announced later. The club 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. Thanks to **Cheryl Kincaid** who brings items for this organization to almost every meeting.

## **GOLDEN GATERS**

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President **Vera Kina** tooted our February 24 meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, especially remembering our military and friends who are no longer with us. We celebrated Chinese New Years’ today with our special catered Chinese Luncheon – lots of good food and even a fortune cookie with words of wisdom enclosed. This is a popular event (anything with food is a “popular event”) – this has been an annual affair for several years so everyone should be using chop sticks – nary a one to be seen! The month of February did not have a single drop of rain in our area, so ... the flowering trees all flowered, lots of wind to spread the pollen which spiked up allergies, viruses, flu, and colds have been rampant, vacations put on hold; everyone hunkering down and trying to stay healthy. Sing Happy Birthday twice when you wash your hands and stay well friends.

Food Menu for the next few months:

- ➔ March 23 – St. Patricks’ Corned Beef / Cabbage (provided by the Board); members bring side dishes.
- ➔ April 27 – BYOBL and Bingo
- ➔ May 18 – Note date change as May 25<sup>th</sup> is a Holiday. A surprise is in the offing, more to come!

Recording Secretary Pro-Tem **Ginger Dahlberg** read the minutes for January that were approved as read. Our proof reader, **Jim Goodwine**, is on the sick list and is getting physical therapy; he will be out for a while so keep him in your thoughts – cards are welcome as he needs cheering up. The Board and attending members

signed a card for him. An up-to-date roster was handed out to those attending the meeting. A revision will be available at the next meeting as quite a few people paid their dues today.

Treasurer **Art Barrett** reported that the bank still likes us. He received quite a few checks for dues today and will get the info to Ginger to up-date our records.

Membership Secretary **Barbara Underhill** was back to work at the voting precinct office so she was unable to attend the meeting. There is newfangled machinery being tested that will help speed up counting our votes. We'll see! Ginger put on her temporary "hat" and wished **Vera Kina** and **Carol Walter** a Happy Birthday. No anniversaries (what? no Valentines' tripping down the aisle?) **Jim Goodwine**, **Ben & Linda Vietz** need a speedy recovery sent their way, we miss you. 30 people enjoyed the blue skies and shimmering lagoon today. We could use some rain.

Auditors **John Bogdanoff**, **Pete Cooper** and **Gene Walter** are working on the audit.

Travel Coordinator **Ginger Dahlberg** reported on the 2020 proposed trips planned. There is still room on the April 29 – May 1, 2020 trip to the Paso Robles area. Lunch at Phils' Fish market in Moss Beach as we wend our way down for a 2 night stay at the Allegretto Vineyard Resort – a beautiful hotel in Paso Robles. A fun trip, a Field of Light display at night, plenty to sip, eat, enjoy and, "yes", an ice cream stop along the way. Hurry and call or email Ginger for information (see above.)

Ticket Coordinator **Harriet Kunze**, once again, wished to thank all of you who generously donated food and toys for our end of the year charity.

Historian **Jim Goodwine** is recuperating at home.

Raffle and Bingo Winners: **Tak Handa** won several donated gifts – it pays to come to the meeting – good to see ya! Raffle and Bingo winners went home with smiles.

Gone are the good old days – **Harvey & Mitzi Samson** drove down from SFO to attend the meeting. As they were unfamiliar with the area, they stopped at a gas station and asked for directions to the Rec Center – while very pleasant and nice, the attendant had no idea where the Center was. It is located 2 stop lights past the gas station, on the lagoon, across the street from the Library on Shell and Hillsdale Blvd. and has been there for years. Not even a map to show them how to get there. Mitzi called and said they would try to find us at the next meeting (I'll run up a flag!) – we did have a good laugh.

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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Secretary

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As you know already, we Miners don't need a "reason" to get together, but, meeting in the "Month of Love" is sure a wonderful time to be with friends. **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** put together this luncheon at the Breakroom in Shingle Springs and decorated the tables with center pieces which included a bottle of wine and plenty of candy! For those who selected the table decorations as a raffle prize, some of them wound up with less of that candy than others – the nibbling cut into the numbers! President **Bill Dinette** extended a "Thank You" to them for all of us. In response to the "birthday question", we did not have anyone present who owned up to having a birthday, however, one of our members, **Liz Church**, let us know that February 4<sup>th</sup> is her birthday – so, Happy Birthday to you Liz. (Oh, our waitress joined in the fun and confided that she has a birthday this month!) February is truly the month of love for several of our couples: **Bill & Pati Kenney** celebrated 39 years; **Bob & Dorean Ames** can count 71 years! In fact, we also have **Jerry & Dolores Avallone**, **Joe & Jeanette D'Amico**, **Oscar & Joyce Olivera** and **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** celebrating this month. So, a great big congratulations to all of you. Now, we also enjoyed getting to know our guests, **Doe Pope** and her son, Dale. Doe and her husband, Kenneth, both worked at United. Sadly, Kenneth passed away, but Doe is planning to move down to Rescue soon and decided to join us as a member! So, welcome, Doe!

*President ~ Bill Dinette* covered several items that are covered throughout the minutes.

*Vice President ~ Rudy Blazius* did not have a report today.

*Treasurer* ~ **Tom Kenny** was not able to join us today. As you may remember from past minutes, Tom experienced some health problems recently, but he is doing well and back to work. His lovely wife, **Suzanne**, brought us the information that our checking account is healthy. Tom reminds us that there are still several members who need to send their annual dues. Please make your check out to Hangtown Miners and send to **Tom Kenny**, 3481 Parleys Canyon, Placerville, CA 95667. Remember, your annual dues gets you access to our minutes and all the information contained therein! Not only that, but you basically get it back when you attend our December luncheon – we pay for part of the meal. Still looking for dues from fourteen members – if you're not sure if you already paid it or not, you can contact Tom at [\(530\) 626-5660](tel:5306265660) or [tck46@flash.net](mailto:tck46@flash.net).

*Secretary* ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have anything to report either, but, I do want to remind everyone that if they need a badge, please let me know. The last time I ordered them, they were \$10.00 each. Also, **Thom Biro** has all the info for our chapter's dandy shirts. These shirts are really nice, there's a couple different styles to choose from as well as lots of colors. They have our Hangtown Miners logo embroidered on them and you can request your name sewn on too.

*Sunshine* ~ **Suzanne Kenny** said that things with our group are fine. She brought and read a sweet note from **Liz Church** that accompanied Liz's dues check. Liz, we would love to see you at a meeting – let us know if you'd like a ride!

*Historian* ~ **Pati Kenney** was able to make the luncheon. Pati teaches cooking/canning and had a meeting to attend before ours. Pati brought a couple of our Memory Books. It is really fun to browse thru them and see familiar faces. She also has put together a history of United. Actually, **Bill Dinette** discovered a number of old water color pictures that he brought and gave to Pati to put in our book.

*Old Business* ~ Well, it's that time of the year when we decide on what charities we want to donate money to for the year. **Tom Kenny** suggested that if we chose 3 charities, we could donate \$225 to each and still be left with a decent balance for our own needs. Over the years we have given checks to a number of different organizations. We are always looking for groups who serve the El Dorado County residents. One that we consistently donate to is the El Dorado County Senior Legal Services. If you are a resident of El Dorado County, you can use this service to help you with legal needs. They do not charge for their services, but donations are welcome. By helping to support this service it allows the local residents to get help. This year **Thom Biro** brought us information regarding a local Boys and Girls Club. This group has a few locations to help with youngsters needing help. The final group suggested is called Share Closet. They collect and distribute food for locals. Each of these organizations were nominated, seconded and passed. Tom will send each of them \$225.00.

*New Business* ~ We discussed Travel items for United retirees using employeeRES. **Dave Garland** suggested using your Vacation Passes for a better boarding spot. You can/should use them as well when traveling with your spouse and/or enrolled friends who are traveling on your passes. Bill mentioned/suggested that you read the minutes in the RUAEA Newsletter that covers the Solano Flyers. The piece in the February issue was written by **Al Pochop**. I have to agree, they are most entertaining. Good job, Al. Bill also brought us some information regarding "chafed wires". Bill ended the meeting with a number of jokes. Our next luncheon will be hosted by **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** and they have set things up at the Forester Pub & Grill in Camino.

We want to say "Thank You" to all who brought items for our raffle: **Blazius** – hand lotions; **Heier** – wine & glasses; **Fitzpatrick** – candy; **Garland** – tulips; **Gibson** – solar light; **Kenny** – Valentine bath fizz; **Dinette** – wine; **Martin** – Surprise box; **Kozelka/Barton** – Chateau La Paws wine; **Akin** – eggs; **Kenney** – lap robe & slippers. Winner of the donator's prize was **Suzanne Kenny**. (Oh, I chose the Surprise Box and it had 4 lovely mugs!)

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Our March breakfast is after this newsletter is due so I will bring you up to date next month. We had no birthdays for March.

### Calendar:

**April 2** – Breakfast at Pt. Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA. 92106-2394, (619) 226-0255.

### SACRAMENTO GOLD DIGGERS

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### SACRAMENTO



Our February Gold Diggers luncheon was held at Mimi's on February 26<sup>th</sup>, **Jim Simon** hosted the luncheon for past presidents. President **Dave Garland** welcomed everyone to the luncheon and thanked **Jim Simon** for hosting the luncheon.

We had 36 members attending. VP **Terry Greenacre** announced that **Judie King** and **Jack & Marge Raynor** will host the March 25<sup>th</sup> luncheon at Lincoln Chinese Restaurant. **Bob & Michiko Allen** will host April luncheon. We are still in need of someone for the October luncheon.

Secretary **Laverne Haubl** reported 5 anniversaries for February: **Bob & Kathy Lynch** (33 years), **Irv & Sherrie Wolfram** (65 years), **Jack & Marge Raynor** (56 years), **Jack & Sidnee McKinney** (54 years), and **Phil & Ann Frank** (68 years).

Treasurer **Judie King** gave the financial report. Sunshine Lady **Angie Dellinger** sent a card to **Alice McPeak** who is recovering from a broken leg.

Historian **Stephanie Norton** will take pictures of past presidents.

Thought for the day: *First to apologize is the bravest, the first to forgive is the strongest, and first to forget is the happiest.*



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

If there is anyone who would like to join us at one of our luncheons, please call our president **Steve Foster** at (209) 328-1210 and he will answer all your questions and welcome you to our luncheon. Hope to see you there.

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Members went on their first outing in some time, thanks to our president **Chuck Clayborn**, to the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum in San Jose. A fascinating museum focused on the ancient Egyptian burial practices. Also on display is the largest collection of artifacts from ancient Egypt. This institution has been



around since 1928, with the ancient Egyptian architectural style buildings, constructed in 1966, sitting in an Egyptian park. Among the building is a planetarium.

**Cheri Scales**, who has planned our spring luncheon, has begun working on our summer picnic, scheduled for June. Next to the Christmas dinner, this event draws a very large number of people. Held at Vasona Park in Los Gatos, it is a very nice setting. Not to mention the outstanding barbecue we have. The weather is always good that time of year and everyone has an enjoyable day.

Yours truly, has been traveling the state on my quest to visit all the California Historical Landmarks, last month going to Santa Barbara, stopping by the airport to see the original United hangars. Built in 1936 of wood frame and tin enclosures, you could almost hear the roar of the radial engines in this quiet part of the airport. Unfortunately, due to disrepair, these representatives of an age gone by, will not be around much longer. The terminal building, with a United plane sitting at a gate, is simply a site to see. Keeping with the architectural style of the Santa Barbara area homes and buildings, it evokes a bit of the past.

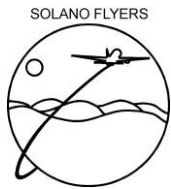
**Vern Snyder** was not able to be with us in February, due to continued health issues, but remains upbeat. We do miss him and his wife **Maureen** and send him all our best wishes.

**Keith & Ann Olthof** celebrated their anniversary this month and **Chuck Thuener** celebrated his birthday in February.

**Bob & Karen Devlin** returned from their trip to Florida, where they had great time. **Merle Sweet** returned from her trip to the getaway home of the stars, in Palm Springs.

The group has been talking about the RUAEA convention this year and many are planning to attend in San Diego. Always a wonderful place to visit and what better way than spending it with fellow United retirees.

We meet every Friday beginning at 0800, at the IHOP restaurant, on the corner of Miller Ave. and Bollinger Rd. in San Jose, not far from highway 85. Everyone is invited to join us.



### **SOLANO FLYERS**

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On Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, the Solano Flyers met at the City Sports Grill in Vacaville; the Chapter graciously paid the luncheon bill. Attending was **Jerry Munkholm, Nolan & Mary Untiedt, Dorothy Robinson, Rich Dabbert, Bob Ritchie, Robert & Michiko Allen, Harold & Barbara Mitchell, Frank Uhl, McKinley Nelson, Bill & Joanne Blizzard, Allan Pochop, Pad & Eileen Gardner, Diosnel & Luci Perez, Robert Zirzow, Jack & Linda Hornfischer, Eugene Boyce, Richard Cox, Coustantino Poolos, and Paul Schwafel.**

President Poolos brought the meeting to order ... many world/local/retiree problems were presented. Brain straining from the group on these assorted problems was peaceful, but the MAA stood ready with the baton. We Flyers are a secretive group, therefore we have decided not to share the solutions to the problems.

Congratulations to **Jack & Linda Hornfischer** for their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

Along with our 50/50 drawing we had members that brought in additional gifts for the drawing ~ **Diosnel & Luci Perez** donated a nice bottle of wine, a box of Hawaiian Host candy, and a pair of warm knitted booties. **Richard Cox** donated two China United Airlines coffee cups.

Suspense filled the restaurant as the drawing for the 50/50 raffle began. President Poolos selected **Eugene Boyce** to draw the ticket; and again. the winner was VP **Allan Pochop**. Howls of fraud, echoed throughout the restaurant but the MAA, circling the tables with baton restored order.

As the meeting adjourned the VP instructed the Secretary to include the following: Any RUAEA chapter that would like our secret problems/solutions for their group, contact VP **Pochop** only ... for price.

As Chapter Secretary, the VP behavior is abhorrent, and again I bring to the attention that the VP, was the design engineer and project manager for the construction of the Ticket Drum Roller; top UAL mechanics in the group have inspected the device for a pop up secret compartment to no avail. One suggested he was using magic or voodoo for his consistent win? Hmm, could this be possible?

### **Calendar:**

**March 18** – Raul's Striper Cafe, 1720 N. Texas St., Fairfield

**April 15** – Denny's, 1701 E. Monte Vista St., Vacaville.

## COLORADO

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**Gary Trujillo** opened our meeting in absence of **Don Burbank**. We were reminded to bring aluminum cans so we will not need to pay dues to operate our chapter. We had in attendance 20 folks. It was good to see **Bob Schmelzer** who lives in the Pittsburgh, PA area and occasionally attends meetings when he is in the area. He is a retired DENMM mechanic.

**Virgil Gooselaw** had shoulder surgery and **Martha** had hip surgery, both are recovering well.

The 50/50 winners were **Kathy Sibley**, **Ray Shoults**, **Doug Colbert** and **Ginger Spate**.

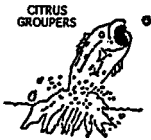
Our next RUAEA breakfast meeting will be Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Ted's Place Restaurant in Commerce City. Address: 5271 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Commerce City. Phone: (303) 287-7544. Directions: Go North on Dahlia St. off I-70 to 52<sup>nd</sup> and turn back East to the address. Going West on I-70 exit on Holly St. and take the frontage road to get to Dahlia.

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The Citrus Groupers last met on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Orange Blossom Country Club in the Villages. We started by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and then observed a moment of silence for our beloved **Joan Brandonisio** who recently passed.

We had 15 members and guests in attendance. We had a visit from **Maureen Sterinsky** and **Connie Lenard**, retirees from MCO. They originally worked at EWRCS with me.

**Terri Davis** who sells the 50/50, much to her surprise, won it.

The next meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the Orange Blossom CC. At that meeting we will resume collecting membership dues of \$5.00 PP. Hope to see you all there.

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

### SAND"DABS"

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14 members attended the last official meeting of the Sand"Dabs" on March 5. It was good to see some folks that had not visited in a while. We celebrated the birthdays of **Bill Rankin**, **Bobbie Rieck** and **Jim Meyers**. Happy Birthday to all!

There was a discussion and a decision about what to do with the money in our treasury. We will divide it between the Halifax Urban Ministries of Daytona Beach, an organization to help prevent homelessness and provide emergency assistance on behalf of homeless people and also Cuda's UnHooked which is a non-profit in New Smyrna Beach that provides necessary support to at-risk and homeless students dedicated to becoming educated, independent, contributing members of society. We are proud to be able to help these worthy organizations.

The Sand“Dabs” has been in existence for many years and has been a great place to meet up with other retirees to share stories and information. Unfortunately our membership has been dwindling so this is a good time to close the door on this chapter. Thanks to all the members that made this a great organization. Special thanks to **Dick Coughlin** and **Steve Moddle** who provided the leadership that kept us coming back. Even though we won't have an official monthly meeting we still plan to meet occasionally at Friendship Luncheons. There won't be any minutes from these luncheons, just good food and conversation. Contact **Gloria Marcantoni** at the above email if you'd like to know more information.

Our first Friendship Luncheon will be June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 at the Red Lobster, 3162 S. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. We hope to see all of you there!



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President **Ernie Vosges** began our meeting with the Pledge and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for a former member, good friend and nice guy, **Bevan Vice**, MCOCG, who passed away in his sleep on February 25, 2020. Bevan's stories were shared by many of us, all of whom will miss him. Address: 1008 Sutton Circle, Apt. #59, Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

Treasurer **Charlotte LeGrand** reported that we have 34 paid members. Our finances are in good shape. Secretary **Elaine Tillman-Mannella** read two very nice thank-you's, one from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs thanking us for our Christmas donation and the other from the Children's Home for our donations just last month! Both extremely grateful for our contributions.

Conversation turned to the medical coverage provided by United called Aetna Advantage Plan. Elaine encouraged everyone to go on "Flying Together" and to "YBR (Your Benefit Record)" and update any information that is old news. Others said to call the Aetna number on the card. Many folks are upset that their doctors won't accept the plan. Hoping RUAEA can shed some light on this in next month's newsletter.

President Ernie shared with veterans that if they have any kind of disability from service, they should go online to VA Benefits and see what they might be entitled to. He also has the DD214 form needed to get the card from the VA. Also commissary shopping eligible.

Our Annual Picnic will take place on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Grove Park at 290 W. Holden Avenue. The Burgers and hotdogs, accompanied by delicious side dishes brought by the McCoys, will be ready to eat at 1200 Noon sharp. Please bring a small dish to share and join us. It's always a wonderful time.

**Ken Michels** is our Birthday Guy for March and Ken & Shelby are also celebrating 21 years this month! **Al & Lois Fields** have been married 55 years this March – Wow!

The Real McCoys meet the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Corral on So. Semoran Blvd. Mark your calendar and join us – you'll be glad you did!

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

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The Sand Dollars' February luncheon was at Speak's Clam Bar in Lakewood Ranch, where we had a private section of the restaurant so we could make as much noise as we liked; and we did!

After the Pledge of Allegiance, **Ginger Hyde** introduced two new members, **Pat & Bob Swiatek**, and we were very happy to extend a warm welcome to them. Pat is a former CSR who worked 31 years at ORD, and we hope they'll be very happy in their new, calmer life in Florida. We also welcomed **Harvey Rucker's** cousins, Nancy & Wayne from VA, and invited them back any time they can join us. It was also great to have **Maria Santangelo** with us - Maria is a busy lady working frequently at her sons' restaurants, Joey D's, so we're always glad when she can make time for our luncheons.

**Skip Irwin** is scheduled for shoulder surgery next month and is looking forward to getting that problem solved at last. **Bob & Shirley Adams** had planned to attend but Bob is still under the weather so will wait till next month. **Alice D'Souza** has given us an update on her situation and we need to keep her in our prayers. She is to have both knees replaced starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, while in the meantime to relieve her arthritis she continues to have weekly injections in her spine. We know what a tough lady Alice is, so we're looking forward to seeing her fully recovered at our first luncheon in the Fall.

Our world travelers, **Bob & Lisa Young** are ... traveling! We look forward to their next report. **Inge Phillips** is planning a short trip to Argentina where she hopes to learn the tango. We will enjoy a demonstration when she returns. Other than that, the Sand Dollars seem content to stay in Florida and enjoy our great winter weather.

**Ginger Hyde** announced two important dates in March, **Vince & Norma Malena** will celebrate their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary; and **George & Jeanne Sudol** will celebrate their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. Congratulations to both couples!

The attendance drawing pulled **Bob Young's** name but he was not present so the money returns to the pot. Winners of the 50/50 were: 1<sup>st</sup> - **Ted Mavis**, 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Maria Santangelo**, 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Ken Bauman**.

In honor of St. Valentine's Day we had a drawing for a crystal heart-shaped candy dish, which was won by our new member, **Pat Swiatek**, and a red heart-shaped ceramic dish which was won by **Diane Hoffer**. Finally to top off the day, everyone was treated to a heart-shaped box of chocolates.

The Sand Dollars meet on the second Thursday of the month, October through May, and we welcome any new retirees or visiting retirees. For information call **Ginger Hyde** at (941) 360-6671, or email her at [ASDIP920@aol.com](mailto:ASDIP920@aol.com).

*... Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.*



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The Tampa Bay Chapter met on March 2 at IHOP with 8 members in attendance. The meeting was called to order by **Beverly Alderdice**. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Birthdays for March ~ **Jon Wilkinson** (3/10) and at 86, he's still playing softball; **Beverly Alderdice** (3/22); **Helen Kacer** (3/25); and **Frank Kacer**, celebrating the big 70<sup>th</sup> on 3/31. Happy Birthday to All!

Beverly gave an update on **Bill Linehan**, he is home and is doing as well as he can. **Noemi Guzman** fell and cracked some ribs. We wish them a speedy recovery.

We talked about our Health Insurance, no one is happy and wants back the way it was last year. We also talked about United news with the recent cut backs on flights because of virus; the 737's are in AZ, they are working on them. Jon told us about Boeings 777X, wow! Big plane!



Our Spring Picnic will be held at Anderson Park on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00AM. I believe it is at our old site and will send out reminder to all members.

We wish all Happy Spring forward! Happy St. Pat's Day!

Meeting was adjourned, we had 50/50 and lunch.

Calendar:

**April 6** – Picnic at Anderson Park - 11:00AM

**May 4** - IHOP 10:30

**TREASURE COAST**

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Due to my traveling, I was not available to take minutes of the February meeting. President **Al Popek** has forwarded the following to me.

The meeting took place on February 4<sup>th</sup> with 17 members and 2 guests in attendance. **Bob Langevin & Sandy Ruggiero** brought friends **George & Marlene Bustillo**. George currently flies for United and is due to retire in 2 years.

After a great lunch the meeting was brought to order with **Al Popek** leading everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance. There was lengthy discussion about our new medical plan with Aetna and our new 2020 deductibles. It seems different doctor's offices have different procedures with billing, etc.

There is already interest in the group to attend this year's convention in San Diego. It is a fabulous city to visit.

Members **Diane & Ron Brodis** were unable to attend this month due to illness. Best wishes to them and other members who are under the weather.

It was decided to cancel the March meeting in lieu of a casino cruise to the Bahamas on March 10<sup>th</sup>. At this writing, it was unfortunately cancelled by the cruise line. We will now be having a March meeting on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Jim Hanley** shared a couple of very funny jokes to bring the meeting to a close.

February travels included **Bob Langevin & Sandy Ruggiero** who visited Las Vegas. **Paul & Diane Liebisch** also traveled there. **Al & Janice Popek** were in Naples, Florida and **Jim & Janet Hanley** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Italy. **Mary Kay Wetherington** spent two weeks with family in Houston.

The 50/50 was won by **Dave Damon** and the Progressive will roll over since **Mardele Celestin** was not in attendance.

Our February birthdays ~ **Pattie Connell, David Damon, Janet Hanley** and **Gene Student**. Celebrating February anniversaries ~ **David & Carolyn Lindgren**, and **Jim & Janet Hanley**. Congratulations!

Our March birthdays: Bob Langevin, the 16<sup>th</sup>, and Jim Morehead, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Calendar:

**March 11** - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

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

**May 5** - Luncheon/Meeting, Duffy's South Stuart, 12:30

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**DIXIE FLYERS**

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

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

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

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

## IDAHO



### BOISE GEMS

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The Boise Gems recently held their luncheon meeting hosted by **Shirley & Rick Dempsey**. Fifteen of our active members participated: **Joe Sweeley** and **Pam Ortali**, **Shirley Perkins**, **Joe & Joan Varady**, **Lois Rodriquez**, **David & Carol Adams**, **Louise Duvall**, **Bud & Pat Peters**, and **Bob & Palmer Sarnoff**. The luncheon was held at one of our favorite restaurants, Ling and Louies, in Meridian. Our newest members, **Joe Sweeley** and **Pam Ortali**, reintroduced themselves to the group since some of us did not know them. Everyone must have had a great time as we ended up with a 3-hour luncheon just visiting with everyone. It was so nice to see everyone together once again, especially during the winter time when the weather does not always cooperate.

Since the last meeting, **David & Carol Adams** went to the McCall Ice Carnival, a few hours outside of Boise; they also helped their granddaughter move from Portland to Boise this month.

**Bud & Pat Peters** said Bud was recovering nicely from surgery; a large cyst on his kidney was removed after draining 2 liters of fluid. Bud does not recommend this way to lose 7 pounds.

The **Dempseys** have been busy dog sitting 2 golden retrievers along with our 11½ year-old golden retriever. Needless to say, the 3-year-olds were very active compared to our old boy. Shirley celebrated our grandson's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday with his family. Can't believe our grandson is 6 already.

The next meeting will be in April with **David & Carol Adams** as our hosts. David said it will be held the later part of the month. Details and location will be announced in early April.

## ILLINOIS

### CHICAGO SKYLINERS

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April—A changeable month, isn't it? Flowers are blooming, leaves are bursting out of the trees, there's the smell of spring in the air, then along comes Mr. Tornado from the West! Boom, there goes everything. Let's not forget the possibility of snow up until about the 15<sup>th</sup>. Another tornado is on April 15, Tax Day, let's hope you aren't blown away with money owed. Easter is Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, get that bonnet ready. Funny, a new bonnet was so important 50 years ago. Today, not so much, we're lucky people don't come in with Bermuda's and sandals. The fashion bar has certainly been lowered in recent years, sad. I had a cute hat when I was about 11, crocheted with fancy lace, looked like a Dutch girl hat, loved it, I'm sure mom got rid of it along the way. I'd put in a picture, but not enough room, I was cute! Don't forget the Fannie May chocolate bunnies! We all had favorite, sweet memories of days gone by. Hope you can reminisce over holidays and family, too, ham dinner, lamb, or veal roast? Ahhh, wish I appreciated those days more. We were so anxious to be **big**, we didn't know to stay **small** and enjoy our younger years when it was more fun. One thing I'm thankful for, we had no cell phones, no social media, we actually talked to each other, played outside, rain, snow, heat, and we were outside. When the light went on in the middle of the street, we knew to head home, **now**! We had it all, and didn't know it! Dummy kids! Trick time is on April 1<sup>st</sup>, Passover on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Jelly bean day, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, take our kids to work on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They can come to our homes and we can teach them the fine art of an afternoon nap. That's not all really; we can take them to doctor appointments, exercise classes, one of our breakfasts, and we can celebrate Pet Month, and Prevention of Cruelty Month in April. Our furry friends are family, too! I cannot believe the sick minds of those that purposely hurt and maim our four legged babies. The jerks deserve the same injuries and meanness. Grrrrr!

Northside breakfast had 12 people, must've been cold. Hate to see such a small participation of our Northsiders, c'mon people, it's getting warmer, we miss you, set that alarm, and rejoin our friendly group! This is just an example of our increasing list of ill or incapacitated members. Let's not forget the ones that have moved to sunnier climates, either temporarily or permanently.

The Southside breakfast also had 12 people. **Mila Walker** returned after a few months away. She's fine, looks great! **Bill Corbett** couldn't make it in because of a blizzard near the Indiana border. What snow? It was calm and blue skies by us. Good old Chicago weather! The raffle was won by **Jan Gawenda** and **Gwen Brookins**, twice. She then went to the game room, and doubled her winnings. Lucky Girl!

The Maintenance groups had a good turnout; about 30 mechanics came in, and about 10 at the manager's meeting. We had a new man join us, **Pete Gafford**, the Parts Man at the Terminal; also **Paul Cord** was able to rejoin us. His beloved, **Ruth**, passed way last month. His daughter joined us, too. Good to see all the fellas again, it's so important to keep in touch. **Tom Abraham** took his family to Mesa, AZ, and saw a few Cubs' games. He was even on TV with his grand children when somebody ran for a fly ball. Hard to believe Tom has grandchildren when he still looks about 30.

The IAM lunch had 88 people; we all brought food to share, a Meet and Eat meal. The entrées and dessert table are always a hit. Thank you to all that helped with serving and making coffee, etc. Lunch wouldn't be possible without those extra hands assisting with setting up and putting away. Next month, April 2, the union will treat us to hot dogs and sides. Feel free to bring in the sides. The president, **Karen Carney**, is planning to have a boat cruise on Lake Geneva in September. If you're interested, come to the next meeting and sign up, or contact Karen. In March, there was a St. Patrick's lunch at Peggy Kinnane's in Arlington Heights, planned by **Eileen & Harvey Bruning**. **Pat & Frank Ranier** are planning a lunch outing at the Village Tavern in Schaumburg, on April 21. May is a Cinco de Mayo lunch. **Bob Chance's** wife, **Gloria** is still recuperating from her fall, when she fell and broke her wrist. Wishing you continued quick healing!

The RUPA lunch at Nick's is always fun, peanuts on the floor, and choice of hamburgers, beef sandwiches or pizza. About 40 friends came to enjoy the afternoon. Some of the notables were **Bruce Carey**, **Howard & Marj Nelson**, **Jan & Walt Fink**, **Dick Kane**, **Bob & Carolyn Kelly**, **Russ Kuhlen**, and **Jack Taylor**. The next luncheon is May 12, at the Golf Club of Chicago in Algonquin.

Heard from some of our old friends, they said 'Hello, and we are still alive and kicking', **Dee Pettis, Art Gwynn, Rose Nesser, Ken & Muriel Bergsma, Mary Kay & Gil Wojtal, Ken & Sandy Brownlee and Joan Kost**. At all of our gatherings, the talk eventually goes to the coronavirus; it's hard not to discuss it with everybody. United has pulled back their flights to Europe and the Far East. They're offering 50% pay to pilots and other groups. There is also a hiring freeze for new employees. I went to a Chinese restaurant last week; it was almost empty during the lunch hour, very unusual. Costco, Wal-Mart are crazy with people stocking up with water, paper products and food. The whole situation is certainly sad, with people sick/dying of course, but it's also affecting travel, our lives and economy. I don't recall any illness getting so involved in our lives before. All news travels faster with the social media and 24 hour news stations, maybe they should ease up on it a little. I hate to think we're making prisoners of ourselves because of this tragedy. Take care of yourselves, wash your hands, but continue to have a Life!

Our friends that flew West last month are **Linda Copper-Koltz**, ORDCS, **Charles Schultz** and **Diane Bucksath**, wife of **Duane**, ORDFO, **LeVaughan Greenwalt**, **Michal Fuschetto**, ORDF, **Jim Gibson**, ORDM/INDAF, **Paul Fulsang**, ORDCG/CS, and **Lee Ramsey**, ORDCG. Personalities that left us are Chicago's own, Bob Petty, ABC newscaster, and icon, Lee Phillip Bell, Joe Coulombe (Trader Joe's), James Lipton, Jack Welch (GE CEO), newscasters, Bobbie Battista, and Wendell Goler.

Some of my favorites, When you combine, The and IRS, it spells, Theirs. Did you ever stop to think, and then forget to start again?

#### Calendar:

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

Southside Breakfast - Jedi's Restaurant, 9:30 A.M., 9266 S. Cicero, Oak Lawn. (**April 28**). Last Tuesday of the month.

IAM Lodge 1487 - 50 W. Oakton, Des Plaines, (**April 2**), 11:00 A.M. First Thursday of the month.

RUPA Lunch - Golf Club of Illinois, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 Lunch; 1575 Edgewood Drv, Algonquin, Tuesday, (**May 12**)

**June 16** - Skyliner's Summer Lunch. The Avalon, 11:00 cocktails, 12:00 Lunch, 1905 Higgins Rd., Elk Grove, Tuesday.

### INDIANA



#### INDY RACERS

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The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter February meeting was held on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill in Avon Indiana. In attendance were **Hannelore Brabo, Jim Gibson, Ed Loftis, Dimple Rihel** and **Frank Ingegno**.

Chapter Business Discussed ~ Possible road trip to the Wright Patterson AFB Museum was mentioned and will be discussed at future meetings.

Sadly, one of our members, **Jim Gibson**, passed away. Jim passed on Sunday February 23, 2020 in Indianapolis, IN at the age of 79, surrounded by his loved ones. Jim was an Air Force veteran originally from Evarts, KY. He was an aircraft mechanic for United Airlines for 38 years. He loved reading Louis L'Amour books and enjoyed any movies that were Westerns and science fiction. Jim was very proud of his sons and the men they turned out to be. He really enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and was very involved in their activities. He truly loved his family. Jim was a true gentleman and will be missed.

The next RUAEA Indy Racers chapter meeting will be held on April 7 at Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future RUAEA Indy Racers chapter meetings is:

- April 7, at Emmy's
- May 12, at Emmy's



- June 9, at Emmy's
- July 7 at Emmy's

If you are in the Indianapolis area during any of our meetings, please consider joining us. The lunch and conversation are both excellent. For more information please contact **Frank Ingegno**, [figenius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:figenius@sbcglobal.net).

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There is no report this month from the Nor'Easter chapter of RUAEA.

## MICHIGAN

### GREAT LAKES ESCAPEES



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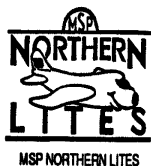
Our February luncheon was cancelled. Our March luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM, George's Senate Restaurant, 39430 Dun Rovin Dr., Northville, MI 48168, (734) 927-1126, hosted by **Pam Shamey** and **Patty Gates**. Please RSVP by March 22<sup>nd</sup> to Patty at (248) 689-5824 or [pmg1943@gmail.com](mailto:pmg1943@gmail.com). Note: This is three weeks later than our usual first Thursday of the month luncheon.

**Jesse Clinkscales** passed away in October at 59 years of age. We have no further information.

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Those who attended the February meeting were **Fred & Rita Stang**, **Joe & Arlene Kelley**, **Lee Storlie**, **Dave Wiley** and moi, your correspondent. Total, seven, tsk, tsk, tsk! The Kelleys and I drive a great distance to attend these meetings and that time we carpooled together. We had no road problems and decent weather until we were halfway back up north, when the temperature started to drop and the wind picked up. How come there were only seven at lunch, when 3 of us drive over 100 miles each way?

As the winter weather rages around our neck of the woods, **Mary & Jim Brennan** have done their annual runaway to Kona, from where we get regular taunts about warm, balmy breezes, golf and toasting one another with drinks containing itty bitty umbrellas with their cribbage games. We're a long-suffering bunch here, though; we know what a shock they'll get when they get off that plane at MSP.

Word from **Sonja Gunderson** about **Lyle** is good. His surgery finally happened and it went well, although it took 10+ hours. Recovery is ongoing and we hope to see them both at lunch again soon.

We received word from MSP alum, **Arlene McCroy**, of the death of **Vonnie Greenwalt**, supervisor in our Reservations office back in the 60's and 70's. Everyone who knew Vonnie liked her. A neat lady!

It was fun to see **Lee Storlie** again. He'd been amongst those I ragged about who hadn't shown up at lunch for several months. He had only one bad joke to tell us, though, so he's definitely slipping.

Our heartfelt condolences to **Rosemary Soltis** on the death of her BFF, her sister, Mar. Notes may be sent to Rosemary at 8429 Rosewood Drive, Chanhassen, MN 55317.

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

## NEVADA

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The Silverliners held their regular Luncheon meeting at Giuseppe's Italian Grill with 34 members and guest in attendance. **Marge Klaus** had her friend Joyce joined her because Marge's husband Alex was out playing golf, lucky guy. Our member **Zenta Berghofer** had her daughter Sigrid attend the luncheon with her. Member **Marlene Morwick** showed up with her left arm in a cast because she broke it helping a neighbor. The other guest was **Jeannie Rolland's** daughter **Laura Marshall**. The meeting started off with the Pledge of Allegiance and after the Pledge, 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 The Las Vegas Helping Hands Food Bank that ensure 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 181.2 pounds of food item to them at Christmas time. Jeannie also mentioned that we now have 50 active members. It was also mentioned that 5+ years ago we had over 100 active members.

Our member **Christine Earl** mentioned that there is a change for employees listing for flights. She mentioned that the SkyNet site for listing is no longer used, it is now [ft.ual.com](http://ft.ual.com).

Secretary **Don Rutkowski** mentioned that the Board Members were looking into relocating our Luncheons to Henderson; the reason being that a number of our members live in Henderson and the Southwest portion of the Valley. The Giuseppe's Italian Grill we are at now also has a Henderson location. When Don mentioned this, he got a very positive response from the members. Don will make some phone calls and set up a Board Members meeting with the Banquet Manager at the Henderson location.

Our Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** went over the members January & February Birthdays and Anniversaries. The membership also thanked Eleanor for being the "Sweet Treat Fairy", every luncheon she places sweets at everyone table spot and she does this out of her own heart and pocket.

The floor was opened up for questions or complaints. The members raised the issue that without a President to lead the Silverliners, they wanted to thank me for keeping the Silverliners going and for doing multiple positions. I was humbled but could not accomplish everything without a dedicated team. The team consists of Vice President **Mary Chandler**, Treasurer **Jeannie Rolland**, Sunshine Lady **Eleanor Vasko** and 50/50 Raffle Lady **Georgia Rutkowski**. We all work together to keep the Silverliners going.

Just before closing the Luncheon we had our 50/50 drawing for \$25.00, \$20.00, \$13.00 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 and a Happy Valentine's Day. The next Luncheon

will be on April 9.

The Silverliners hold their meetings on the second Thursday of every even month. The meetings are held at Giuseppe's Italian Grill at 6065 Durango Road, Las Vegas, NV 89113. 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 10 members and 1 guest at our February meeting at The Black Bear Diner. The guest was **Marti Dean**, guest of **Kathy Robinson**.

2020 Meeting dates: March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September - TBA, October 12, November 9, and December 7.

February birthdays were celebrated by **Donna Reid** and **Bill Perkins**. The 50/50 raffle was won by guest **Marti Dean**. In addition, **June Roe** won a bottle of wine. **Kathy Robinson** won a set of red candles.

Our next meeting will be at 11:30am on March 9 at the Black Bear Diner on Virginia St., Reno.

### **NEW JERSEY**

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Our meeting was opened with the flag salute by our president **Frank Worzocha**. A moment of silence was held for **Mike Fuscheto** of EWRFF NYCRR and ORDF who has just recently passed away.

**Frank Kokaska**, who was still working, brought us up to date as to the newest events at EWR. For one, terminal A will be expanding to have an additional 34 gates for United. Also all flights to Asia have been curtailed due to the Corona Virus pandemic. Hopefully we will see an end to this epidemic very soon.

We have learned that **Ada Enfield** has returned from the hospital, and expects to be at the next meeting in March.

**John Murphy** won the 50/50, and our next meeting will be on March 25 at Snuffy's in Scotch Plains at 12 PM.

\*\*\*\*\* From the great Prophet Leroy ~ "A true friend is someone who reaches for your hand and touches your heart."

### **NEW YORK**

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**BUFFALO CHIPS**

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

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



### **NEW YORK METROS**

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Another beautiful day, but only twenty Metros in attendance. We've only had one significant snowfall this winter (back in December, I believe), so we've been very lucky.

Our 50/50 winners, \$10 each, were **John Greene**, **Werner Buck** and **Joe Lilly**.

Please keep **Kathy Corrente** in your prayers. She was a regular guest when **Rose Schneider** was still with us.

Not much news. Among the regulars we are celebrating March birthdays for **Joyce O'Donnell** (3/1), **Diane Pozzi** (3/9), **John Greene** and **Cassie Manelski** (3/10), **Kathy Statuto** (3/16) and **Dee Talochino** (3/18).

Looking ahead, our annual picnic will be July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Calendar:

**April 1** - Davenport Press. No fooling!

### **NORTHWOODS**

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

### **OHIO**

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Well here we are into 2020 already. Seems like time is going faster and faster. We had our lunch at the Fuji Grill and Buffet in Parma for February. Our hosts were **John & Dolly Taucher** and we had 49 members in attendance. We had two guests; one was **Betty Eason** (friend of **Barb Hughley**) and **Brian Mullen** (son of **Dick & Carol Mullen**). No snow today, thank goodness.

**Bernie Garrah** (Treasurer) and **John Taucher** handled our 50/50 drawing and we had two pots. The winners were **George Oncu** and **Jack Preston**. Some people have all the luck.

**Dolly Taucher** (President) has filed the chapter's 990-N tax return with IRS and it has been accepted. It keeps our Tax-Exempt status with the Federal & State. 2019 financial records have been compiled and we had a \$126.28 profit in 2019.

Chapter illnesses include: **Don & Pearl Parks** are staying home, except for Dr. appointments. **Tom & Marian Sturgeon** say the same thing. Our member and "photographer" **Lois Walter** (photographer) was in the hospital, but is home now. **Genie Richardson** called to inform us that Ted has Parkinson's and has trouble walking. Genie continued to say that after numerous tests, her doctors found that she has cancer, and that it is terminal. She is in a rehab facility called "Bethany Nursing Center". Thank God, their daughter Andrea is there helping them. Within the last 2 years, the illnesses within our chapter have rapidly multiplied. We Ohio Buckeyes care greatly about each other. We pray for each other, and we know God hears our prayers.



Our January birthdays were **Nancy Carter, Jacki Craig, Al Kicen, Betty Krischker, Marie Pivik, Kay Preston, and Jim Schulte.**

February birthdays were **Tom Hockett, Barbara Hughley, Mary Lou Mack, Jeff Spooner, Dolly Taucher and Frank Wachs.**

All Anniversaries for January were **Mike & Sharon Minelli (59 yrs.), Nick & Mary Jane Penick (52 yrs.), Jerry & Shirley Springer (63 yrs.), and Tom & Marian Sturgeon (18yrs.)**

All Anniversaries for February were **John & Gay Crawford (57 yrs.), Dave & Sharon Simpson (46yrs.), Van & Bonnie Sims (21yrs.) and Bob & Beverly Templeton (62yrs.)**

We hope everyone had a great Valentine's Day.

Calendar:

**April 1** - Mahle's Restaurant on Detroit Ave. in Westlake

**May 6** - Shale Creek Clubhouse in Medina

**June 3** - Old Oak Bible Church / Helms Hall, hosted by **Jeff & Judy Spooner**

**July 1** - Nautica Queen luncheon cruise, hosted by **George & Nancy Oncu**

**OREGON**



**OREGON DEW-ER'S**

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Everyone that made it to our February luncheon was treated to an amazing guest speaker from the Alzheimer's Association. Heidi Rowell was delightfully engaging and shared tons of information. She answered numerous questions and left lots of informative handouts. Several of our members hung around after the meeting to thank Heidi and asked even more questions. She was definitely one of our most popular guest speakers to date. If you missed her talk, be sure to check out the national website [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org), which is a wealth of information. We've all been touched by someone, friend and/or family, with dementia and this site is an incredible resource for caregivers, family, friends, and patients alike.

Once again, we have some unfortunate news to report: **Marv Law**, a retired PDX Ramp Supervisor, not a member but known by several of us, died on January 26. **Cliff Blare** had his other hip replaced two weeks ago but is doing very well, we hope to see him back at our meeting next month. **Inge Pempeit** fell and was not able to attend our meeting this month; she expects to be able to join us next month. **Tom Walker** remains on hospice; although very weak, now that he is off of the chemo, and all the medications to counteract the side effects of chemo, he feels better than he has in months. Shirley expressed thanks for all the cards, calls and visits.

And now for some lighter "news": **John & Anita Donaldson** were not able to join us because they were off on a cruise with their granddaughter. I can say with confidence that none of us felt the least bit sorry for them! We were delighted to have **Susie Clack** back with us after her recent fall and brief stint in rehab.

Colwood is putting on a Spring Tea on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 and is offering our group members a "friends and family" discount. More details to follow.

*Anniversaries* ~ **Anna & Harold Miller.**

*Birthdays* ~ No birthdays this month

*Drawing Winners* ~ Lunch/Door Prize - **Tom Hotchkin**; Men's Birthday - None; Women's Birthday - None; 50/50 - **George Thomas.**

Calendar:

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

**March 11** - Social

**April 8** - Social

**May 13** - Social

### **OUR CLUB**

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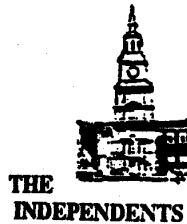


There is no report this month from the OUR Club chapter of RUAEA.

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

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**Dave Detwiler** and wife **Gwen** recently spent 26 days in Kauai, Hawaii; because of the tropical storms which hit the area over the last few years destroying residents chicken coops and spreading the chickens all across the island; there are chickens running wild everywhere. Dave said the saying is you can put one of the wild chickens and a lava rock in a pot for two hours and they both taste the same!

March Birthday ~ **Dave Beatty, Ray Sellers, Treatie Karwoski, Lorraine Keith, Max Seaholm** and **Barb Seaholm**.

Anniversaries ~ **Bob & Kay Frye**, and **Barb & Max Seaholm**.

### **TENNESSEE**

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

### SALT LAKE RETIREES

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

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Attendance was back up to a more normal 35 for our February luncheon meeting at Angelo's in Burien. At this writing, though, we anticipate considerably lower numbers – not due to winter weather but blamed on an abundance of caution in avoiding public contact during the novel coronavirus “scare” in the Pacific Northwest. This has become a serious matter in Washington, which leads the nation in diagnosed cases and deaths.

Prior to lunch, Co-President **Ken Storey** opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag before introducing King County Sheriff's Deputy Mark Hayden, who gave a detailed presentation on what seniors can do to stay safe – on the street, in their homes, as well as when dealing with electronic communications. Mark's 34 years of service provided him with a number of suggestions for staying safe, being prepared, and paying attention.

Co-President **Kathie Torgison** added a number of additional ideas of her own. There appeared to be some serious note-taking, but Acting Secretary **John Haferbecker** provided in-depth coverage of the presentation and suggestions in his meeting report for Contrails, the chapter newsletter.

As has probably become a regular topic for discussion in UAL retiree groups around the country, an exchange of information and questions concerning the switch by Aetna to a PPO format brought plenty of comments. It seems that the company contracted by Aetna to make home wellness visits has been making a nuisance of itself with repeated phone calls and sometimes requesting suspicious information. Suggestions for handling the matter included calling Aetna directly and having them remove you from that list – or waiting to participate until the dust has settled and the home visits might make more sense.

Congratulations to **Kay Johnson**, who celebrated her 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday March 27. Kay began her United career in Seattle Reservations in 1962 about the time of Seattle's World Fair. After 5 years, she transferred to SeaTac Airport and worked as a Customer Service Agent until her retirement in 1979. Following a few post-retirement moves, Kay is settled in Hemet, California, not far from her daughter and granddaughter in Cathedral City. Happy Birthday, Kay!

As always, **Ken Storey** had a Story. After introducing new member **Ben Watson**, retired from Customer Service, Ken noted that Ben sometimes worked in the baggage claim area and dealt with, among other things, abandoned luggage. There were times when Ken supplied a bolt cutter from the Mechanics' Shop when the normal means of entry to attempt identification of a bag or its sometimes-questionable contents were useless.

Condolences were extended to **Phil & Mary Ann Andersen** and their remaining two sons and their families on the recent loss of their son Keith, who had battled leukemia for some time.

Mention was made of the deaths of **Paul Allensin** and **Ed McGruder**. Paul had been an A&P mechanic with United and served as chair of the IAM grievance committee. Ed, aged 83, was a retired fueler. **Kathie Torgison** noted that **Dorothy Westby**, retired from the Flight Kitchen, had celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday in February.

**Alan Drake** had penned his own obituary before passing away last January. His words detailed the arduous journey to get from home on Mercer Island to downtown Seattle via boat, bus, and cable car, a trip that's hard to

fathom with today's roads and bridges. After graduating from high school in Seattle, Alan spent an Army tour in occupied Japan. He retired from United Airlines following a 40-year career where he worked as a Customer Service supervisor, and later working in load planning. Claiming that "aging isn't fun," Al despaired at having to give up his love of horseshoes, then baseball (he played in a softball league until age 78), and finally golf. A self-proclaimed "baseball nut," Alan cheered on the Seattle Rainiers when they won the Pacific Coast Pennant in 1939 and remained a loyal fan of the Seattle Mariners. Alan leaves behind his wife Charlene, children Natalie and Spencer, stepdaughter Carrie and granddaughter Sidney.

Born in Seattle in 1946, **Ralph Martenson** – also known as Crowbar, Marty or Mardoo – also passed away in January. After serving in the elite US Army Honor Guard Drill Team for two years, Ralph joined United as a baggage handler. Over a 35-year career that led him to Chicago, Alaska, Hawaii, San Francisco, and ultimately back home to Seattle, he worked his way up to become General Manager of the UAL operation at SeaTac. Ralph is survived by Carol, his wife of 52 years, son Chance and daughter Jennifer.

**Gary Torgison** handled the door prize drawings at the end of the meeting, with the 50/50 award going to **Tony Morella** and **Jay Holland's** earning a refund of his lunch money. Leftover volumes from the book exchange were collected and delivered to the public library.

April Showers bring May Flowers – Happy Spring!

#### Calendar:

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

**May 12** – Luncheon meeting at Angelo's

**June-August** – Summer Hiatus



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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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**Cathy Gilbert-Silva** set the scene for the Festive Valentine's Day Festivities.

I would like to begin with a "Thank you shout-out" to Cathy for staging such a fun and colorful luncheon during the month of February, and to **Kerrie Schneider** for taking such great minutes, and to **Jon Beckett** for taking such good pictures so that this meeting could be enjoyed (and shared) for months and years to come. The attendance was good as usual with approximately 50 members in attendance. We have read and heard that some chapters are discontinuing due to diminishing attendance. At this time we want to take the opportunity to invite any and all UAL Retirees to join us any time you are in the area. As previously mentioned, we meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at The Golden Corral in Manassas, Virginia. Manassas is only 30 minutes from IAD and I'm sure one of our members would be happy to swing by to pick you up at the airport.

**Cheryl MacDonald** does a great job of selling the raffle tickets each month. She is so friendly that she has even increased the sales. **Kathy Rogers Suggitt** was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle this month. Each attendee received a Valentine card - some of which had red tickets enclosed which gave them a choice of the many wonderful door prizes. Those recipients were **Linda Scriven** (IADCS), **Kate Connelly** (DCASW), **Bob Brooks** (IADCG), **Ralph Baggett** (IADCS), **Terry Garczynski** (IADRR), **Ray Knazik** (IADCG), **Gayle Wozniak** (DCASW), **Gunn Chencinski** (SFOTO/RR), and **Henry Ayres** (IADFO/SW/CM). Congratulations to all.

Since the January luncheon was cancelled because of snow, the business meeting was kept short so that people could visit with and catch up on the personal news with their friends. For **Judy Dunlap**, our Treasurer, there was very little time to visit as she was busy collecting dues.

Sad news ~ **Jim Miner**, IAD/CLECG, is in Winchester Hospital in the Critical Care Unit. His two adult children, Kim and Chris, both of who worked at IADCG, and his wife, Carol are very concerned and would be comforted to hear from friends and former co-workers. **Jim & Carol Miner**, 379 Cherry Run Road, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425.

**Pat Watson**, DCA/IADRR, one of our most active members, took a very bad fall and broke her arm and shoulder. She may have to have surgery and is awaiting the news from her doctor. Maybe a few get-well cards and notes will cheer her up, 6115 Georgetown Road, Broad Run, VA 20137.

It is with sadness that I received the news that **Linda Ruth Sadler Revere**, DCASW, passed away from cancer on February 29, 2020 at the age of 72. She flew for 27 years for United Airlines. Her funeral was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of flowers, she had requested a donation be made to GMHS Gloucester Mathews Humane Society, PO Box #385, Gloucher, VA 23061. **Linda Ruth's** husband's name is **Sonny Revere**, 698 Ivison Lane, Onemo, VA 23130.

Next month the news will be brighter and you will see us in our St. Paddy's Day greenery. Stay warm and stay happy until then.

## NATIONAL

### CLIPPED WINGS

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Hello RUAEA,

Our Clipped Wings® members are getting busy this time of year. They are working with their various charities and fundraising. SEA Chapter members are volunteering for their organizations including the Community House, Dahlia, United Friends and Special Olympics. Our OAK Chapter is working with their charity Las Trampas. BWI Chapter has their "Pajama Parties" giving PJ's out to their Charity. CHI-ORD Chapter as well as other Chapters are raising money for the Special Olympic Parent Grants by having raffles at their meetings. Our STL Chapter had a bit of fun at their last meeting by writing down a "secret" they have about themselves. They put the written secret in an envelope. As each of the envelopes are opened, the others have to guess who that secret belongs to ... the one member guessing the most correct secrets wins a prize. What a fun way to learn more about your fellow Clipped Wingers..

Our Executive Board is meeting in April. We will be meeting at my home in Spring Grove, IL. Some of the topics of discussion will be primarily about the upcoming September Convention in PDX. Other bits of conversation and business will be about the retiring of the "Punch Bowl". United gave us this Punch Bowl many years ago and we use to recognize the best Chapter from the past 2 years, the award is given out at Convention. The Punch Bowl will be traded in for another equally impressive award for the winning Chapter, yet to be determined.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following new members joined RUAEA during the month of **February 2020**:

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

We appreciated monetary contributions from the following members during the month of **February 2020**:

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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.

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

Spouse – **Cersosimo, Joseph V.**, on 2/5/2020, husband of Carol J. Cersosimo, HNLRR, 22448 E. Dorado Place, Aurora, CO 80015

Retiree – **Cleary Sr., Joseph D.**, on 2/8/2020, OAKUM, husband of Irene S. Cleary, 47 La Canada Ct., Clayton CA 94517

Former United Board Member and Interim CEO, **John “Jack” W., Jr. Creighton** passed away on 1/29/2020. After the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks, John served as interim CEO from 2001 until the fall of 2002. John was the husband of and survived by Janet Creighton. They resided in Bellevue, Washington.

Retiree – **Fuschetto, Michael A.**, on 2/12/2020, ORDF, husband of Joan Dienst Fuschetto, 551 Alexandra Court, Itasca, IL 60143

Retiree – **Gibson, James M.**, on 2/23/2020, INDAF, father of Tim Gibson, 1713 Blankenship Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46217



Retiree – **Greenwalt, Lavaughn M.**, on 1/28/2020, CHIRR, wife of Edward G. Greenwalt and Regis Nolan, both deceased, 43 Lonsdale Rd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

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Spouse – **Lindberg, Miriam**, on 3/2/2020, wife of Robert H. Lindberg, SFOPD, 3737 Winona Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97526

Spouse – **Munger, Richard P.**, on 8/12/2018, JFKFO, husband of Doris L. Munger, JFKSW, 56 Horton Ln., New Canaan, CT 06840

Retiree – **Nicholson, Arlene L.**, on 2/18/2020, SANOZ, wife of Clifford Nicholson (deceased) and Lee Roberts (deceased), 530 Hatherly St., Vista, CA 92083

Retiree – **Olson, Paul I.**, on 3/21/2018, SFOFO, husband of Brigitte M. Olson (deceased), 2908 Oak Knoll Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953

Retiree – **Pengilly Jr., Fordyce O.**, on 12/23/2019, DENOO, husband of Nancy L. Pengilly, 6688 West Desert Blossom Way, Florence, AZ 85132

Retiree – **Rotella, James A.**, on 2/27/2020, SANOZ, husband of Vivien A. Rotella, 64973 Oakmount Blvd., Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

Retiree – **Sadler, Linda R.**, on 2/29/2020, DCASW, wife of Sonny Revere, 698 Ivison Lane, Onemo, VA 23130

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Retiree – **Tomasic, Joseph M.**, on 12/14/2019, CLEMM, husband of Patricia Ann Tomasic (deceased), 604 Mockingbird Ct., Prescott, AZ 86301

Spouse – **Tomasic, Patricia Ann**, on 12/27/2019, wife of Joseph M. Tomasic, CLEMM (deceased), 604 Mockingbird Ct., Prescott, AZ 86301

## Letters & Notes



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

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

Bill Alenson, Ranelle Brandt, Joanne Craig, Valerie Forsberg, Carl Hanson, R. Lee Johnson, Elsie Kaenel, Merritt Odor, Patricia Schultz, Gayle Swanson, Janet Young.

**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.)*

**Travis Glass, 1422 Cabin Hill Rd., Birmingham, AL 35235**

Hi, Ms. Martha,

Thanks for putting my comments in the March 2020 issue.

However, one of the stations where I served was omitted. I am not suggesting it was your error but I worked 5 years at TPA as a Supervisor and I thought I had included it.

I had many wonderful friends and associates there. If possible, could you make the correction, so my friends still living in TPA will know I did not disrespect them?

Thanks Ma'am as we say in BHM. Godspeed!

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

Another year has come and gone; how time does fly by.

I have been retired 25 years in December. I haven't figured out how I managed to work, keep up a home and raise 5 children. In December, I was blessed with great grand child number 23.

I haven't done any traveling this past year.

My health is basically good; I have some arthritis but keep it under control.

**Manny Ojeda, 424 Halcon Ct., Calexico, CA 92231**

Aloha, hola, and hi to my family in the US, my ohana in Hawaii, and mi familia in Mexico. 2018 was a beautiful year, as usual in February we celebrated Esteban, Carmen, Eugene, and my grandson's birthday. We enjoyed the Super Bowl even though my cowboys didn't make it.

April came which means I got my taxes prepared for Uncle Sam.

In May we celebrated Mother's day. Without realizing, September snuck by fast with Manny's Birthday, my wedding anniversary, and Leticia's birthday.

Everything was fine until October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It started with a pain in my chest, and a call to the paramedics. They took me to EI Centro Medical Center where I spent all night in pain so they sent me to University of San Diego Hospital where they realized I had a Heart Attack and had to open two of my blocked arteries. I'm thankful they saved my life and a few days later I was back in Calexico. I want to thank Esteban and Leticia for staying with me in the hospital throughout the whole thing. Thanks to Manuel Silva, my neighbor, who went to SD and brought all of us back home.

For some reason I couldn't sleep nor eat, and lost 30 pounds during the next few months. Around December 20<sup>th</sup> my daughter, Carmen, husband Patrick, and their three kids came to visit me for the Holidays. Two days later, I was surprised by my son Manny, his wife Debbie, Andrew, and Kennedy. My granddaughter Jordann also joined the surprise with her boyfriend and two dogs. Lastly, hours later Eugene and his girlfriend Teisha also joined us for the holidays. I had a full house. What a wonderful time having all my kids together for Christmas and my birthday. We were also joined by my Isabel, Raul, Calulo, Monique, and Olga.

Everybody was gone by the 31st, so I spent New Years Eve out in the valle de Mexicali, with my sister-in-law Chata and her family.

In February 2019, we watched the Super Bowl and celebrated Esteban's birthday on the same day. Then I had another surprise, Carmen came to celebrate her birthday here in Calexico. It had been years since I celebrated a birthday with her in person.

In April, I started to forget names and places and started to wonder why this was happening. According to my doctor, my prostate pills were causing dementia, so he recommended a procedure so that I could get off the pills. The procedure went smoothly but I received the bad news that I shouldn't ride my bike any more. My family was concerned that riding my bike on the highway was too dangerous for my age.

There are a few special people I want to thank; my doctor Jorge, for all his help, Daniela, my nurse who checks in with me regularly and helped me when I was having trouble eating. Also thanks to my other nurse Jose, who comes weekly to check my vitals.

In September I celebrated my 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with Leticia, and then two days later Leticia's birthday.

I want to thank Manny and his family, Carmen and her family, and Eugene for always calling and checking up on me. Thank you to Esteban for all his help around the house.

This Thanksgiving, I plan on spending it with my niece Lucy and her family out in the countryside in Mexico.

Thanks to Mary and Checo with their endless supply of dates from Indio, California which I love. Thanks to my niece Huesitos who stays in contact with me. Thanks to all my nieces in Miami for keeping in touch. I love you all. I still don't have plans for Christmas and my 79th birthday but I hope to spend it in good company.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020 to all of you.

### **John Thomas, 810 Thomas Drive, Apt. 7K, San Francisco, CA 94132**

I thoroughly enjoyed the March newsletter starting with the first page. Torgy's article brought back many, many memories for me. I was nine years old when the war ended and for the last few years, I found myself humming the song made famous by Vera Lynn, "*When the lights come on again all over the world*". My father, many of my uncles and several of my older cousins (including two women) volunteered in the various services. Miraculously, they all came home without a scratch. My father was a radio operator on a Moto Torpedo Boat, a cousin was a tail gunner on a bomber and another in the tanks with Montgomery.

I then enjoyed the highlights of **Ron Paluch**. Although I did not know Ron, it was a great article and I enjoyed reading it. When I read about **Bob Donovan** and his wife celebrating 72 years of marriage, I was taken by surprise because I did not know that Bob was that old.

I was also happy to read that **Jerri & Len Blodgett** has grandchild on the way. It is over forty years since I last saw them. They always made me very welcome when I visited Portland.

Then I hit the back page and there was the smiling face of **Ken Thiede**. It has been over forty years since I last saw Ken. Then I looked closer at the picture and recognized **Dan Kramlich**, Ken's sidekick.

I really enjoy the Newsletter and compliment all who put it together.

## **Notes**

### **Albert Brose**

This is my 20<sup>th</sup> year of retirement; time flies when you are having fun. I have taken advantage of the trip passes and have flown every year since I retired. I just got back from the Caribbean and Australia the year before.

I am still working part time and also volunteer at a care center a few days a week.

Life is good; I wish everyone a Healthy and Happy New Year.

### **Carolyn Bullington**

I appreciate the work and dedication of the RUAEA staff to keep us informed about the travel policies. Kudos for a job well done.

### **Joseph Dzialo**

I am getting ready to celebrate a milestone; I will be married 50 years in April 2020.

### **Harold Klobe**

Thanks to the newsletter staff for their great work. Life is pretty much a routine but I am looking forward to convention in San Diego. My birthdays seem to come around too soon.

### **Dale Mastley**

United has meant the world to us; it has been good to us.

I am volunteering and my husband is still working as a flight instructor.

**Doris Munger**

Please remove my husband's name as my spouse. He was a pilot for United. After retiring as a captain on the 747, he continued flying as S/O on the 747 and then on the 727 until it was retired after 9/11.

He finally retired after nearly 50 years with the company.

He died in the autumn of 2018 after 51 years of marriage. I miss him greatly.

**Allan Popek**

I am happy to renew; you all do a great job. Many thanks for all your hard work. I send cheer from Florida.

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

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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

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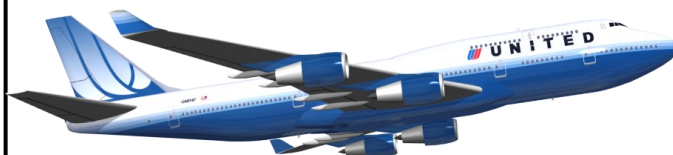
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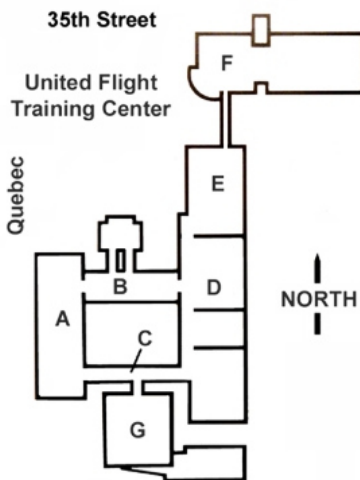
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