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For many of you coming to San Diego for the Reunion, and also for those who are returning again after past reunions, or may have lived and worked here, I am going to tell you about some of the interesting history of places in San Diego that you may have not been aware of as you passed through. You may see some of these places in the tours we offer.

I will begin with the History of Old Town San Diego. The Kumeyaay or Diegueño are the first indigenous people to inhabit this region as far back as 10,000 years. They were horticulturists, hunters and gatherers, living in clans; their territory ranged from the ocean, mountains and the desert. Old Town was the first European settlement in California and the oldest neighborhood, it is located in the heart of San Diego. As the population grew, it expanded around Old Town which makes it a convenient location.

The Whaley House



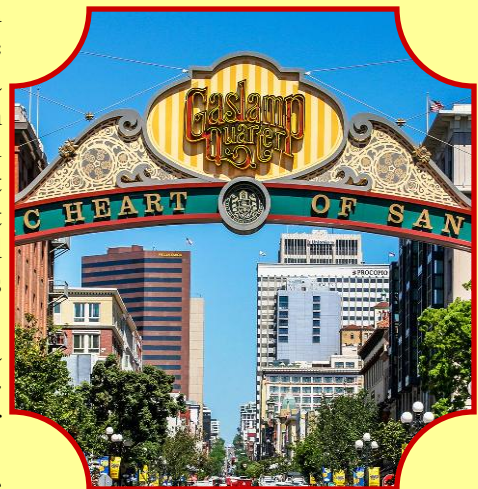
The Whaley House, is the most haunted house in the United States. The alleged hauntings have been reported on numerous television programs and written up in countless books and publications. It opened as a museum in 1960. Proof that the house is really haunted and the voluminous reports of paranormal occurrences at the house makes for an interesting adventure. Where are they and why are they here? You might encounter one as you browse around the site.

One of the many colorful characters in American history in the late 1800's, the legendary Wyatt Earp was prominent in the development of San Diego into a mecca for gamblers, prostitutes, con-artists and crooks. His main interest was in gambling, horseracing and prostitution. This may explain why many chapters in San Diego's history still remain closed. San Diego just makes you feel good with all of the sunshine and sandy beaches.

The Gaslamp Quarter is the second place I am going to be telling you about. It is a great place to just walk around and get a sense of this historic part of town. In your walk, you can enjoy the lovely buildings and have a nice meal. Take your time and look at some of the buildings and learn about their history. You may see a house built on the East Coast and shipped around Cape Horn to San Diego in the 1850's. You will walk past former brothels and drug dens and see old versions of the old gas lamp that give this area its name. Wyatt Earp owned many of the gambling halls and brothels in the area and lived at the Horton Grand Hotel. Wyatt Earp was listed as a capitalist, gambler, in the 1887 San Diego City Directory.

You can take a guided tour around the Gaslamp and learn why this area was once called the Stingaree. If you like to be out at night there is a night-time ghost tour of the Gaslamp. A great adventure if you are not a gambler and want to embark on a real adventure.

As we proceed to Reunion day, I will continue to tell you about some of the good and not so good history of our "fun in the sun" city. ■



Gaslamp Quarter

Barbara Drews - 2023 Reunion Publicity Chair

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GENERAL NEWS

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Letter from the President



Don Burbank

Hi Everyone,
The Reunion Benefits panel is coming together really well. We have lined up the following speakers:

★ *Doug Edmonds* ~ Manager of Pass Travel Domestic and International, actually all pass travel along with a couple of others in pass travel.

★ *Dan Dentzer* ~ From health and welfare.

★ *Joan Smith* ~ Our favorite UAL HR person who helps me with all the questions that you ask along with others from HR.

★ *Malcolm Horne* ~ From Alliant credit union who helps you with all retirement issues including investments and can help with value of CD's, stock and fluctuating stock market including rising interest rates.

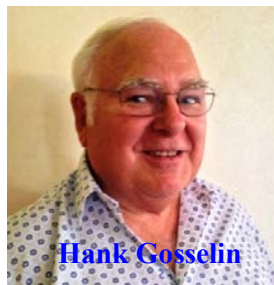
RUAEA is the only retirement organization that has a benefits panel that UAL participates in, so it is a great time to get answers for all the questions you may have.

After the panel gives us their presentations, you will be able to ask your questions one-on-one in break out sessions with them personally.

Thanks for being a RUAEA member.

Don Burbank
RUAEA President

Letter from the Vice President - Conventions



Hank Gosselin

Hi Folks,
First of all, I want to thank all of you who made hotel reservation at the Dana for the Reunion early as we requested; we have exceeded the initial room block contract. With many of you reserving your room early, it helped me to request additional

room nights. By doing this early, the hotel had no problem granting my request. I may have to do it again as the Reunion gets closer.

Next, what I need your help is for all who are planning on attending the Reunion, please register. In addition to registering by mail as we offered in past years, we have made it easy for you to register online and paying for your registration and options using a credit card. This information is available on our website, www.ruaea.org. Or you can scan the attached QR code with your smart device to get there.

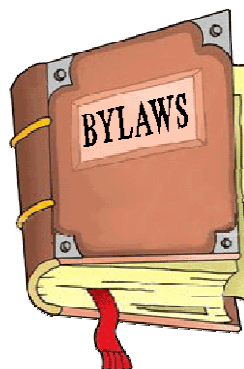


Knowing the number of attendees allows me to evaluate the needs, such as table and room setups, for example. Remember the Reunion registration cutoff is September 10th and the hotel reservation cutoff is August 30th.

Again, I thank all of you who are helping with the above requests. We are planning on a great event with a large attendance, with RUPA and ARECA joining us this year. I will be happy to meet and greet you there.

Hank Gosselin
RUAEA VP Conventions

Update From The RUAEA Executive Board



As many of you may or may not know, RUAEA operates under a set of Bylaws as well as a Policy and Procedures (P&P) document. A standard best practice is to review and update both documents on a regular basis, and the Board undertook this project at our Executive Board Meeting in San Diego last fall.

We've completed the project and according to our Bylaws the final approval vote will be held the Annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 in San Diego as part of the Reunion.

RUAEA BYLAWS 2023
Revised October 3, 2023

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization is “**RETIRED UNITED AIRLINES EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**.”

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

To provide information to the members through a newsmagazine and as an avenue for the retired employees to maintain in contact with other such members and conferences for the members to attend where information about what is happening in that airline community. This purpose shall also include providing education about the history of the airline industry, information for retirees that will assist them in dealing with retirement issues, support of aviation memorials around the country with a specific example being the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania memorializing those who died on that flight on 9/11. The Organization will also provide support for education about careers in the airline industry and schools that promote and educate students on subjects such as aerodynamics, safety management, aerospace & occupational safety, aircraft dispatcher, aviation business administration, aviation maintenance, pilot, ground support, customer and human relations (marketing). It is intended that the Organization act in compliance with Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and its regulations.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Regular Members

All former employees of United Airlines and/or Continental Airlines, their subsidiaries and others who have reached retirement age are eligible to become members of RUAEA. Spouses of retirees may become a regular member. All may do so by making application and paying the required dues. Widows or widowers of deceased Regular Members will become Regular Members until the deceased retired employees' membership expires. At this time Regular Membership may be continued by paying required dues. Widows or widowers of Life Members may become Regular Members by paying the required dues. In addition, a spouse of a deceased retired employee, who was not a Regular or Life Member may become a Regular Member by paying the required dues. A spouse of a deceased employee, who at the time of death was eligible for retirement, may also become a Regular Member by paying required dues. Spouses who become Regular Members may continue membership if they remarry. Regular Members may vote and hold Na-

tional office in the Association. Exceptions may be approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Life Members

Life memberships have been discontinued as of January 1, 1992. No new Life Memberships will be accepted after that date, unless awarded by the President. However, prior Life Memberships will remain in effect.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

Dues shall be payable by Regular Members 12 calendar months from the date, dues were last received. Dues amounts shall be established by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: LOCAL CHAPTERS

The formation of local chapters of Retired United Airlines Employees Association for purposes consistent with those of the National Association are to be encouraged. There is no financial or political connection between local chapters and the National Association. The National Association provides guidance, not direction.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings of the membership shall be held annually, normally at the annual convention. When conditions require that the annual convention be postponed beyond a year; the annual meeting will also be postponed. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be published in the Newsletter or otherwise given to all members at least thirty (30) days before the meeting is held.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1: Board of Directors

The control of the affairs of this Association shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of all Officers, Directors and Staff listed in this Article VII of the Bylaws, whether elected, appointed or selected. A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 2: President (Elected)

The President shall manage the affairs of the Association, calling meetings of the Board of Directors as necessary, but at least annually. The President shall preside at meetings of the Membership and the Board of Directors, guiding their efforts, recommending such actions as may be deemed likely to increase the usefulness of the organization, and performing such other duties as are incident to the position. The President shall establish committees

deemed necessary to augment the work of the organization and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee. The President is responsible for the signing of all RUAEA contracts.

Section 3: Past President (Elected)

The outgoing President shall become Past President, serving in an advisory capacity to the incoming President and the Board. The Past President shall remain a member of the Board of Directors until relieved by the next outgoing President.

Section 4: Executive Vice President (Elected)

The Executive Vice President shall assist the President in all matters, performing such duties as the President may assign, and serving as President in the latter's absence. The Executive Vice President is responsible for all RUAEA Regional Directors, office management functions including Newsletter publication and membership activities through the Membership/Support and Newsletter Managers.

Section 5: Vice President – Conventions (Elected)

The Vice President – Conventions shall be responsible for future and current year conventions, developing and maintaining a convention manual covering all aspects of any convention, and managing and coordinating the local convention activities for the current year.

Section 6: Secretary (Elected)

The Secretary, in addition to such duties as may be assigned by the President, shall record proceedings of all meetings of the membership and the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall maintain a corporate history of the Association and its activities, and shall conduct such official correspondence as may be required. In addition, the Secretary shall issue and maintain the By-Laws and Policy & Procedures Manuals including changes approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 7: Treasurer (Elected)

The Treasurer, in addition to such other duties as the President may assign, shall receive, safeguard, and disburse all funds of the Association, and shall prepare annual and interim reports pertaining thereto. He/she shall exercise appropriate financial planning and control, and provide financial advice to the Board of Directors. He/she will cause financial records to be retained ten (10) years.

Section 8: Directors (Elected)

The Directors, in addition to such duties as the

President or Executive Vice President may assign, shall participate as members of the Board of Directors in planning & controlling the affairs of RUAEA. They shall also provide liaison with individual members and their respective Chapters, give advice, disseminate information received concerning RUAEA and the Company (UA), and other items of interest. They shall counsel emerging groups, recruit new members and officers, and generally promote the growth and activities of RUAEA. The area of coverage for each Director will be determined and assigned by the Board of Directors. They will remain in contact with their respective Chapters quarterly using the appropriate communication method.

Section 10: Newsletter Editor (Appointed)

The Editor will publish a monthly Newsletter and edit input from local groups, individuals, company and other sources. Every local group may supply material to the publishing point on a scheduled basis. The Editor shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board, at the convention Board meeting each year, shall attend Board meetings and shall be advised on all matters concerning Newsletter content, production, publication and distribution.

Section 11: Assistant Vice President – Conventions (Appointed)

Assistant Vice President – Conventions shall assist the Vice President – Conventions in all matters, performing such duties as the Vice President – Conventions may assign and serve as Vice President – Conventions in the latter's absence. This position is appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board.

Section 12: Membership/Support Manager (Appointed)

Membership/Support Manager will be responsible to the Executive Vice President for RUAEA membership activities, automation support and Website functions. Act as RUAEA Registered Agent to the State of Colorado. Appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board.

Section 13: Newsletter Manager (Appointed)

Newsletter Manager will report to the Executive Vice President for all Newsletter management functions, including publishing and distribution. In the absence of a Newsletter Editor (Section 10 Newsletter Editor) the Newsletter Manager will be responsible for all editorial functions. Appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board.

Section 14: Website Managers (Appointed)

Website Managers act as consultants overseeing the RUAEA Website format, contents, activities and operation. They act to oversee and coordinate activities between the Website hosts and the RUAEA office. They develop and maintain Website policies and procedures. Appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Board. They will report to the Executive Vice President.

Section 15: Corporate Relations (Appointed)

The person/s responsible for Corporate Relations and Communications, will be the liaison/s between United Airlines and RUAEA, and will establish a close tie at the corporate level regarding retiree matters and information disseminated to retirees. Will provide information as to decisions that may affect RUAEA members and their benefits. The representative/s will be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Board, and report to the President.

Section 16: Chair Person of the Site Selection Committee (Appointed)

The person responsible for guiding the Site Selection committee and establishing the criteria for which it functions in the planning and selection of convention sites. Oversees the site selection process and is responsible for negotiating site contracts. This person is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Board. He/she will report to the Vice President of Conventions.

ARTICLE VIII: TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office for all officers and directors shall be two (2) years and thereafter until their successors are installed. If there are no candidates for the elected positions, the term may be extended to the next election cycle.

In an effort to maintain experience and continuity, no more than five (5) Regional Directors will be elected in any single year. *A onetime change to the By-Laws* to stagger the election of Executive Committee Members by voting in the 2017 Business Meeting to extend the term of the VP-Conventions and of the Treasurer for one additional year, with their terms expiring in September 2019. Thereafter, their terms shall be for two (2) years. With the concurrence of the officers and directors may run for continual terms.

Officers and directors may be nominated, elected and serve in another office even though their current term has not expired. Upon election to another office, the successful candidate may continue to serve in his/her current office or another office, thus hold-

ing multiple offices concurrently, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX: ELECTIONS

Section 1: Elections

All candidates selected by the Board of Directors would be published in the RUAEA Newsletter along with a biography of each candidate and a ballot to accompany the Newsletter at least sixty (60) days prior to the convention. RUAEA members can then mark their ballot and forward it to the Election Appointee (15) days prior to the convention for tabulation and announcement of successful candidates at the Business Meeting of the convention.

Section 2: Filling Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy in the position of Officer or Director, Board of Directors shall initiate an immediate search for replacement(s) to fill the remaining term(s) of office. Input from the Board of Directors and others shall be requested. When the nominees are agreed upon, their names shall be presented to the Board of Directors for discussion, approval and appointment. In the event of a need for replacement prior to the next Board Meeting, a telephone vote may be held.

ARTICLE X: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1: Executive Committee

There shall be an Executive Committee comprised of the elected Officers and Past President. Primary function is to identify areas for further study and prepare recommendations for Board action. Meetings may be called at any time by the President

Section 2: Site Selection Committee

The Site Selection Committee is responsible for providing convention site possibilities to the Vice President - Convention and President for future conventions. Committee is comprised of a Chairman (appointed) and area representatives, as determined by regional requirements. Committee visits and reviews suggested properties, recommends to the Vice President – Conventions through the Chairman. Selects proposals from eligible properties that will conform to proposal guidelines given to hotel. Negotiates pricing for initial contract. Chairman reviews all areas of possible sites of interest and economy. The chairman presents a final recommendation to the Vice President – Conventions and President for contract signing.

ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION OF RUAEA

In the event that this organization should be dissolved, all assets will be disposed of as follows:

All assets remaining after payment of all legal obligations shall be distributed to any organization operating exclusively for charitable or educational purposes and which qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION OF RUAEA organization(s) to receive this grant shall be selected by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors at a special meeting called for this purpose.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT OF THESE BY-LAWS

Amendments to these By-laws shall be passed by a majority of the Board of Directors prior to submission to the membership at the Annual Meeting, and must be publicized in the Newsletter at least thirty (30) days prior to voting by the membership at the Annual Meeting. A majority vote is required. An amendment may be proposed by a member upon presentation to the President by January 1 in any year. ♦

United's New App Feature Helps Customers Re-book and Receive Meal and Hotel Vouchers Automatically **June 22, 2023**



United today announced a new mobile app feature that aims to save customers time and reduce stress if their travel plans get disrupted. Now, instead of waiting in line to talk to an agent or search for new options, the airline's new self-service tool automatically presents travelers personalized re-booking options, bag tracking information and meal and hotel vouchers when eligible if their flight is delayed or canceled.

While United had the lowest mainline flight and seat cancellation rates of any airline in the country during the first three months of the year, the carrier still has the most flights impacted by weather given the location of its major domestic hubs.

According to the airline, nearly 50% of its customers already turn to the app or [united.com](https://www.united.com) to self-serve during disruptions, so United began beta testing the new feature at the end of last year. United found that customers responded well to having alternate travel options automatically served to them in the app and that airport employees appreciated reducing the number of people physically waiting in line.

"Our goal is to get our customers to their destination on time, but we know things don't always go as

planned and that's when a tool like this can make a real difference," said Linda Jojo, Chief Customer Officer for United. *"Our new mobile app feature offers more transparency, saves time and reduces stress for our customers, and it shortens lines at customer service desks so our employees can better assist passengers with complex issues or questions. Plus, it's another example of United's continued investment in new technology and tools."*

When a flight is delayed by more than 60 minutes or canceled, customers will automatically see options for delays and cancellations on the home screen of the United mobile app. Here's how it works:

- ▲ *Get notified:* Click the link in the automatic text notification or enter flight details in the mobile app or [united.com](https://www.united.com) to open the tool. For customers who have their reservation already loaded in the app, they'll see a prompt right on the home screen.
- ▲ *Check flight and re-booking status:* Confirm the status of your flight and see if you've been re-booked. Customers also have the option to look at other flight options and book based on their preference.
- ▲ *Track your bags:* Follow the status of your checked luggage to see when it is checked-in, loaded on your flight and received at your final destination.
- ▲ *View eligible vouchers:* Receive hotel, meal and/or rideshare vouchers if eligible.
- ▲ *Connect to a United customer service agent virtually:* Call, text or video chat with one of hundreds of United agents who can offer the same assistance as the agents at the airport.

For those without the United mobile app, the self-service tool is accessible on a mobile device or computer at [united.com](https://www.united.com), and customers still have the option to connect in-person with a customer service agent.

This new feature is the latest way United uses technology to give travelers more transparency and improve the customer experience. For years, the airline has led the industry on implementing new technologies and policies across its operation to increase customer transparency, including:

- ▲ *Free family seating:* United is the first and only airline to offer a dynamic seat map feature that makes it easier to seat children under 12-years-old next to an adult in their party for free – even travelers in Basic Economy.
- ▲ *Automatic customer communications:* United sends personalized, real-time updates via text notifications with timely information about boarding, gate location, travel disruptions, bag tracking and more, providing awareness into flight plans or status.

- ▲ *Flexible refunds and travel credits:* United offers a 24-hour flexible booking policy, and in September 2021, United launched more self-service options to easily find, apply and combine credits at check-out.
- ▲ *No change fees:* In August 2020, United got rid of change fees, offering more flexibility for travel plans, and started complimentary standby travel, becoming the only U.S. airline that lets all customers in all classes of service fly same-day standby for free.

So Simple From Sheryl



Sheryl Schubert

It is now that time of the year when gardens are beginning to produce wonderful fruits and vegetables. It is also the time that friends and neighbors are offering zucchini. How is that people always have too much zucchini in their garden and don't know what to do with it all?

How does this happen? Well, I have a new solution to your zucchini problem. This bread is loaded with fresh zucchini which adds moisture without affecting the chocolate flavor.

Double Chocolate Zucchini Bread:

4 cups grated zucchini bread (about 2 medium zucchini)

2½ cups flour

½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder

2 teaspoons baking soda

1 teaspoons salt

1 cup white sugar

½ cup brown sugar

2 eggs

¾ cup butter, melted

2 teaspoons vanilla

1½ cups chocolate chips, divided

Grease two 8x4 inch loaf pans or one 9x5 inch pan.

In large bowl, combine flour, cocoa powder, baking soda and salt.

In another large bowl combine sugars, eggs, melted butter and vanilla. Add flour mixture to sugar/butter mixture and stir to combine. Do not over mix.

Fold in grated zucchini and 1 cup chocolate chips. Spread batter in prepared pans and sprinkle remaining chocolate chips over top. Bake at 350 for 40-60 minutes (depending on size) or until inserted knife comes out clean. If necessary, cover with foil during the last 10-15 minutes of baking to prevent over browning. ■

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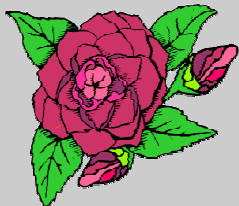
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LOCAL NEWS

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PHOENIX RE-UNITEDS

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



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

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

We look forward to seeing you.

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Hot, Hot, Hot in Northern California!

The Northstaters will be meeting July 26th in Red Bluff, CA. We decided on a pizza jaunt so we are meeting at the Round Table Pizza, 116 Belle Mill Rd. in Red Bluff. 11:30 AM start.

Please if you are in the area, come on by and say hello to some UAL retirees.



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So far, June has been a quiet month for our Chapter. We did have a luncheon on June 21st at the Alisol Golf Course River Grill. In attendance was **Mike & Bridget Zoldak, Ken & Stella Bake, Bob & Esther Bartlett, Bob & Marcia Stanger, Joan Schaefer, Nina Powers** and two guests **Dave & Jamil (sp) Ludwig**.

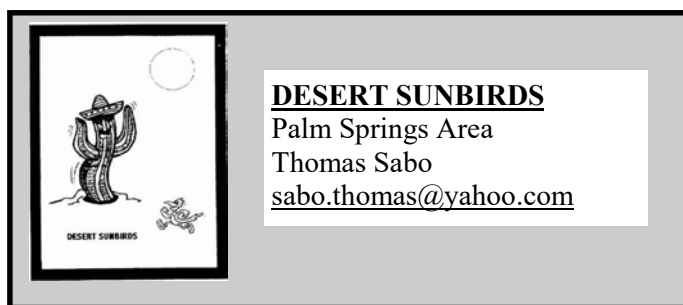
Nina's two guests told about their world travels and how they were pick-pocketed in Spain and Italy. The many joys of foreign travel and what you have to watch out for.

There was enough attendance to have a 50/50 raffle that Bob & Esther won.

It's interesting reading all the Airline news from the major networks regarding the disruptive passengers on flights all over the world. I warned my grandson to be alert when flying to Munich, Germany. He arrived safely with no interruptions so there is some good flying news.

And finally, "What did the kamikaze pilot tell his students? I'm only going to demonstrate this once, so look closely."





DESERT SUNBIRDS

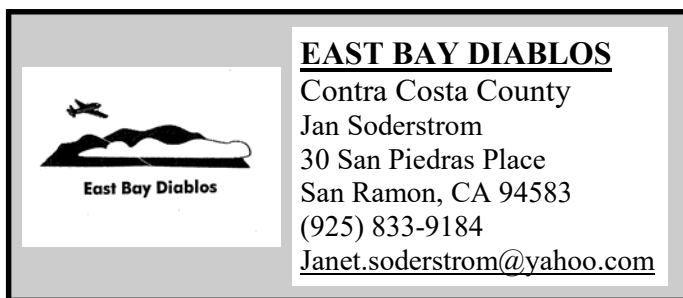
Palm Springs Area

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

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



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Happy August to everyone from the East Bay Diablos group! As I write this in early July, the San Francisco Bay Area has just had our first heat wave of the summer, over the Fourth of July weekend. It started on Thursday, June 29 with a temp of 94 degrees. Then the next three days were 102, 108 and 97. By Monday, July 3rd the heat wave was over with a temp of 90 degrees. It left everyone really wiped out, including my dog. Our bodies are not yet acclimated to the warmer summer weather, but temps of 97-108 are brutal no matter how you cut it.

Our group holds in person monthly meetings on the first Monday of the month all year long. The restaurants are still dealing with staff shortages, so we have to give them a count beforehand for our meetings. If you are going to attend our meetings, you must RSVP prior to the meeting. I have put the dates of our upcoming meetings and the RSVP deadlines below. We alternate between The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord and Black Bear Diner in Walnut Creek. We like The Old Spaghetti Factory because they have both a regular and a senior menu with reduced portions and soup or salad, ice cream and beverage included. They also reserve a room for us. We also like Black Bear Diner because it offers a wide selection of both breakfast and lunch choices. However, they don't take reservations and will not hold a long table for us in the back room. So now we now have a plan. The night before our meeting, I

email our count to everyone. The first person there puts our name in for our group to reduce the wait time and so far it has worked out well.

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

Our July luncheon was held on July 3rd at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Concord with 14 members and 2 guests in attendance. We wore patriotic colors to celebrate the Fourth of July and this month's special program.

Our regulars in attendance were **Tracey Blanchard, Rich & Georgia Bouska, Nancy Boyle, Barb Cunningham, Diane Griego, Tom Johnson, Russ & Glenda Kennedy, Margaret McGhee, Carol Parks, Jack & Judi Smith and Jan Soderstrom.** Russ Schle-ske was visiting family back east. Once again we missed **Arnold Hansen, Jr.** who is still not feeling strong enough to travel to our meetings. We also missed **Joseph McGhee** who was feeling under the weather. **Joe & Wilma Leather** could not attend and will not be able to come in August either. Wilma missed a step, fell, and broke her leg. She will be in a cast for eight weeks and at this point cannot put any weight on the leg. She reports that they are going through a "tough time" right now. Wilma is one of the most positive and optimistic people I know and for her to say that really made me sad. Joe has trouble walking long distances so their daughter in Boise has come down to help. I suggested that she call Meals on Wheels and try to get signed up for that as soon as possible. Hopefully, their county of Alameda does not have a waitlist. One guest was **Diane Griego's** neighbor **Dee Moreci** whose late husband **Mark Moreci** was a mechanic at United for 31 years. Dee also came last month and joined our chapter as a member at this meeting. Welcome Dee! Our other guest was **Willie Sharp** who was our speaker and guest of honor. We would love for Willie to join our chapter and come to more meetings. **Tracey Blanchard** conducted the raffle and **Georgia Bouska** won the money. We had a nice assortment of prizes in addition to the inevitable collection of wine. I won a container of Vanilla Almond Biscotti which I am anxious to try. If you are wondering what to contribute to your chapter raffles, food prizes are always popular! After lunch, our president **Russ Kennedy** conducted a short business meeting. We discussed next month's picnic luncheon. Diane asked several people to come early

and help set up tables and chairs before social hour starts at 11:00.

We had another special and memorable meeting on July 3rd. Our speaker was **Willie Sharp**, a Navy pilot during the Vietnam War and a UAL pilot. Thank you to **Barb Cunningham** for organizing this. Barb was telling her neighbor about our Quilts of Valor ceremony at our June meeting, and this neighbor suggested she talk to Willie about his war experiences. Barb contacted Willie and he agreed to come and talk to us in July. On November 18, 1965, U.S. Navy pilot **Willie Sharp** ejected from his F-8 fighter after being hit while positioned over a target in North Vietnam. With a cloud layer beneath him, he did not know if he was over land—where he would most certainly be captured or killed by the North Vietnamese—or over the Gulf of Tonkin. As he ejected, both navy and air force aircraft were already heading toward him to help. What followed was a dramatic rescue made by pilots and other airmen with little or no training or experience in combat search-and-rescue. Willie brought the story of his rescue to life with his talk. All these years later, he still becomes emotional when describing what he had to do to avoid being captured by Vietnamese fishermen.

A book has been written about his rescue - Unforgotten in the Gulf of Tonkin: A Story of the U.S. Military's Commitment to Leave No One Behind. The author, Eileen A. Bjorkman, is a former military flight test engineer. This story includes nail-biting descriptions of air combat, flight, and rescue; and also places Sharp's story in the larger context of the U.S. military's bedrock credo—No Man Left Behind. Willie is also a recipient of a Quilt of Valor as he was most certainly "touched by war."

Glenda & Russ Kennedy celebrated their 65th anniversary on May 6. **Barb Cunningham** and her twin Bev celebrated their milestone 80th birthdays on June 11. **Judi Smith** announced that **Jack Smith** was celebrating his semi-milestone 85th birthday the next day on July 4th. So of course we sang Happy Birthday to him. **Ken Price** isn't able to come to meetings anymore, but we still stay in touch. He reports that he recently took a cruise from SFO to Alaska on the Ruby Princess and caught Covid. It really knocked him for a loop and he was in the hospital for nine days. He is still recovering and is staying with his daughter. He was the only one in his family to get Covid. With his typical wry humor, Ken said "I guess this version of Covid only hits old men."

Speaking of Quilts of Valor, the picture in last month's newsletter does not really show the incredible workmanship of the quilts. I asked our three recipients to send me close up pictures of their quilts. If you would like to see these close ups, please email me at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com and I will be happy to

send them to you. If there are any quilters in RUAEA land, and I'm sure there are, there may even be a local chapter of Quilts of Valor for you to join and help make these amazing quilts.

And speaking of Meals on Wheels, I cannot recommend this organization enough. Meals on Wheels was a godsend to me last April when I had hand surgery and lost the use of my left hand for eight weeks. Did you know that, by law, every county in the nation is required to have a Council on Aging department, which is meant to be a "one stop shop" for services for seniors in their area? I urge everyone to go to their county's website and review the senior services available. Every county is different, but some examples are the aforementioned Meals on Wheels, adult day care programs, assistance for seniors who are victims of domestic violence and financial abuse, and home visits to assess needs and recommend services.

Barbara Cunningham is collecting both new and used Christmas cards. She is asking everyone to hold off sending more cards until school reopens in August. She wants everyone to know how much she appreciates you sending the cards as the postage really adds up. Barb donates the cards to a local special education teacher who uses them in his classroom. He has told Barbara he can use "all the cards he can get." The students make gift cards which they sell at the school fundraiser. If you have cards you'd like to donate, please contact Barbara at (925) 846-8123 or barbjc1943@gmail.com for more info, or just mail them to her directly at 3556 Touriga, Pleasanton, CA 94566-6931. Note: This is a new email for her. This teacher needs just the cards, no envelopes. The money they raise is for special outings like field trips and other enrichment activities for the special needs students.

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

I would like to ask all of you to cut out coupons and mail them to me at 30 San Piedras Place, San Ramon, CA 94583-3018. This is such an easy thing to do to support our troops. For the price of a first class stamp, you can get about 90 coupons in an envelope. The coupons have to say "Manufacturer's Coupon". If they come in a strip, could you please cut them into separate coupons. The collected coupons are then distributed to overseas military personnel for use in their commissaries. The commissaries honor them for six months after the published expiration date so expired coupons can be sent too. In my area, the coupons come in Tuesday's

mail along with the supermarket ads, and then in the Sunday paper. Unfortunately, manufacturers are cutting back on the coupons they are issuing, especially on food items, just when people need help the most. So anything we can send to the troops is greatly appreciated. I get so excited when I get a coupon for eggs!

I am so grateful for the kindness of all the RUAEA members who are helping me with this project. My final count for June was 2048 coupons, a new high! Wow! I have not yet turned in the July batch of coupons but I estimate that I will end up with about 1800! Thank you so much to the members in my local RUAEA chapter and to members from all over the country who are sending coupons. This month I received coupons from **Rosalie Betschart** in OR, **Mary Brennan** in MN, **Trudy Engeldinger** in CA, **Barrie Hooley** in FL, **Marcella Kern** in NJ, **Beverly McAlister** in CA, **Jeannine Mooney** in SC, **Betsy Ogburn** in NJ, **Paul Pfisterer** in PA, **Sheryl Schubert** in CO, and **Jim Taylor** in FL.

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

- ▲ Monday, August 7 at 11:00. — Annual Summer Picnic at **Diane Griego**'s home. Social hour starts at 11:00 and we typically eat at noon. This fun meeting is a catered lunch from Back Forty Texas BBQ and requires an RSVP. The deadline to RSVP is Thursday, August 3rd and the cost will be announced later. The chapter provides water and soft drinks. Members are invited to bring beer or wine if they choose. We enjoy delicious chicken and ribs, potato salad, green salad and baked beans. Dessert is ice cream and a pretty cake decorated with a United theme.
- ▲ Monday, September 4 at 11:00. — Black Bear Diner, 700 Bancroft Road, Walnut Creek. Social hour starts at 11:00 and we typically eat at noon. We order from the regular menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, September 1st.
- ▲ Monday, October 2 at 11:00. — Old Spaghetti Factory, 1955 Mt. Diablo Street in Concord. Social hour starts at 11:00 and we typically eat at noon. We order from the menu and have separate checks. Must RSVP to **Jan Soderstrom** at janet.soderstrom@yahoo.com or (925) 833-9184 by Friday, September 29th.

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





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Here we are in July ... fireworks galore (kept the fire departments on their toes,) and I would like to be the first to wish you all a Merry Christmas in July. There are only 171 more days to do your shopping! Our June meeting saw a nice turn-out of 20 members. President **Vera Kina** (and soon to be ex-president) is looking forward to lolling around and doing nothing. She deserves a big round of applause for the many years she has put into keeping us entertained, fed, and keeping us a-float! Thanks Vera, we so appreciate your dedication. Our thanks also to **Gene Walter** (our pro-tem Treasurer) whose eagle eye caught a huge typo that yours-truly had done in the Treasurers report – my typing skills weren't working well. I had managed to goof up the balance which gave us more money than Warren Buffett has in his account! Our Membership lady of the hour – **Barbara Underhill** – only had **Gary Chong** and his wife enjoying their 45th anniversary. No birthdays, sicknesses or deaths to report – let Ginger know if someone needs some TLC and she will get off a card to them. Our meeting was short as we needed to get to our luncheon at Bellinis' Italian Restaurant in Foster City. This is a lovely restaurant with delicious food and great service so give it a try. Here is what we have in store for the next couple of months:

- ▲ July 24 – The Colonel is coming by with his KFC treats – you need to bring your own drink – dessert is a surprise!
- ▲ Aug. 28 – Sandwiches and goodies
- ▲ Sept. 25 – Probable Pot Luck – will discuss this at next meeting.

As you know, Thelma and Louise have hit the road back to Door County, WI – this being our 21st yearly sojourn – Thelma (she, Claudia) needs her car back there for the summer so we leap into her car and head east. This time we made our way to Teddy Roosevelt's National Park in North Dakota – took us a day and a half to get there. We alternate driving and get to hotels along the way before sunset. We have hit many of the national parks along the way – some small, some large! In 1883, Teddy decided to hunt bison and made his way to the Dakota Badlands along with his merry band of Rough Riders. The next year brought tragedy as his wife and mother both died on the same day, leaving him to grieve. His retreat to the Badlands saw him becom-

ing a rancher (not very successful) and giving him the much needed time to find solace in the vast wilderness and found that his love of nature enabled him, as President 1901-1909, to establish the US Forest Service. He also created 5 National Parks, 150 national forests, and dozens of federal reserves – over 230 million acres of protected land. How many have you visited? Hop in those cars, join a tour or just get away as we have Teddy to thank for all the wonderful vistas, retreats, awe-inspiring (Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, etc., – you get the picture!) areas of our beautiful country. Foreign languages abound in our ventures – many in campers – so while we fly to foreign lands, visitors flock to ours. Don't miss out – there is still time to enjoy our treasures!

We saw real live Cowboys (Stetson hats, beautiful horses, boots, colorful shirts) herding black angus cattle along the highway and when we got to Door County, we witnessed the “Roofing of the Goats” at Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant. For many years, he has his small herd of goats enjoying the grass that has been planted on the roof of his restaurant – thousands of people flock to the area for this stellar event. Picture taking, beer and brats, great shops, art galleries, lovely sights and sounds – you name it, it is here! The leaf-peepers descend in the area when the trees are changing colors – colors beyond compare!

Louise (that be me this year) went on to visit son (Jeff) and his wife (Val) in Michigan – we made our way up to the UP (Upper Peninsula) and went over to Mackinaw Island (bucket list checked off,) then back down to Lake Ann where they have their home. Kicked back watching the Blue Heron, red-headed woodpeckers, one Bald Eagle, various chickadees and squirrels fight over the bird seed set out for them to enjoy. Boat rides on the Lake, strolls in the woods and a wonderful gathering of 20 or so “retired” Peace Corp members who live in the area. Jeff & Val both were in the Peace Corps in Niger, West Africa in the 1980's and many retirees live in the Michigan area. I was lucky enough to visit them in Niger – a wonderful experience. It truly is a small world as 5 members were in the Niger area – one who put together a Pot Luck gathering – they were asked to bring meals they made from the various countries in which they served. Thailand, Laos, Malaysia, Patagonia, Afghanistan - just to name a few. What a treat – stimulating conversations, really tasty food, a lovely afternoon and beautiful sunset! Young and old and a true inspiration that the program offered (and offers) to those who want to represent the USA overseas.

And, a real plus, on this trip was a tour of the Campus of the Interlochen Arts Camp in Michigan. This is a center that inspires people around the world the excellence of education and the arts - giving artists and art enthusiasts of all ages the opportunity to pursue their

talents. They celebrate their 96th season this year. We enjoyed a free faculty recital featuring two classical guitar teachers, one from Scotland, the other a local. This is a “gotta see” – the summer session has people honing their talents (the pianists have the opportunity to practice for hours on pianos that have been donated and are sold at the end of the season.) It takes great talent in ones' field to get into this prestigious venue – the setting is stunning and the volunteers are amazing in their love for this continuing program.

So ... get out there folks, spread your wings, be adventurous and try new foods, call a friend and do something wild and exciting, we are only here once! Or just sit back and watch the grass grow or watch the paint dry ... stay well and know you are in my thoughts.

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



HANGTOWN MINERS

Placerville, CA

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I don't know how it's possible, but, here we are right smack dab in the middle of 2023! Half way thru the year – amazing! It's been a cool month, but we all know that the summer heat is just around the corner. Mother Nature has been showing off again. The blooms in our yard are outstanding – probably due to the wonderful wet winter we enjoyed. That said, “they” say the drought is over! Now, all of you who have grown up in California know that our climate is ideal but it does go through cycles ... wet years, dry years, then wet again ... so, we don't want to let down our guard and go crazy with using this precious water – dry will be back, again!

The June luncheon found our group enjoying the cuisine at Las Cascadas! We always enjoy our time in this restaurant – their food is delicious, their service is spot on and their staff had our meals ready very quickly. **Rudy Blazius** spoke for everyone when he said “Thank You” to **Judy & Jack Fitzpatrick** for arranging this luncheon for us. Judy (who's always on top of things) knew that the 14th was Flag Day. She had our tables glowing with a Red, White and Blue theme including USA flags as part of the table decorations. There was plenty of candy to munch on before and after our meals!

You know, we really do have an outstanding group of people in Hangtown Miners. Of course, Rudy then went on to inquire about birthdays, but it seems that we don't have any birthday babies in June – or they just weren't with us today. (I got to the very last line in my notes to learn that **Jack Fitzpatrick** has a birthday in June! Happy Birthday!) Now, anniversaries are another matter! I think I heard somewhere that the month of June is the most popular month for weddings. **Rudy & Cindy Blazius** (56), **Frank & Angie Dellinger** (54 and it was on the same day as our luncheon), **Tom & Suzanne Kenny** (32) and **Jack & Judy Fitzpatrick** (22) tied the knot in June! Happy Anniversary to all of you and many more too!

Guests – well, we had three guests today: **Ed & Lindalee Akin's** son, **Tim**, joined us; **Dave & Robin Garland** brought their friend, **Jim Simon**; and **Gina Kenworthy** brought **Judy Godlove**; Judy lives in Chicago, but, she also has a house in our area and she is a retired UAL flight attendant who decided to join the Hangtown Miners! So, a big welcome to all and we are glad to have you on board, Judy!

President ~ Rudy let us know that UAL has a new partner! UAL is partnering with Wrexham AFC. Beginning with the 2023-2024 season, the recently promoted Welsh soccer team, Wrexham AFC, will have our name and logo emblazoned on the front of their shirts during the club's games. Rudy spoke with our long time member, **Carleene Hyde**, recently. She is doing well. During the conversation, she mentioned that she went to Denmark with her son.

Vice President ~ **JR Heier** said he didn't have any "BS" or words of wisdom to share – okay!

Treasurer ~ **Tom Kenny** reports that our treasury is looking good. Tom's such a good guy – he's always on the lookout for more tools for our project – helping the students at Sacramento City College's A&P program. Just happened that he found 3 Ford wrenches (got them for \$2.00 each) at a garage sale. Keep an eye out when you're out for your walk and notice a garage sale going on! There are treasures to be found out there – we just have to be alert.

Secretary ~ **Jane Gibson** didn't have anything to report. I'm going to have to think up something to contribute next month – I always seem to say that same thing in my section ... and we all know, I am not short on having things to say!

Sunshine ~ Our lovely **Suzanne Kenny** did not have a report either. But that should mean that all of you are doing well – right?

New Business ~ Rudy wanted to share with us that **Marty Carasco**, who lives in Reno, has developed congestive heart failure and it's not looking good. **Bob Jeski** suffered a stroke but he is home now. **Jim Bonner** has been diagnosed with a blood cancer. Whether

you knew these men or not, our prayers go out to them and their families.

Old Business ~ There really wasn't anything in particular that we needed to cover. But, we do want to put out to all of you a reminder that the RUAEA Reunion will be held in San Diego at The Dana again this year. It will be from September 29 to October 4. Also, the Annual Retired United Mechanics Reunion will be held in Minden, NV on October 3, 4, 5. The barbecue will be Wednesday, October 4th on the grassy area near the RV parking at the Carson Valley Inn. I will be sending out another update email soon. If you don't get an email, it must mean I don't have your email address. Contact me for more info. (tired-dogs@comcast.net). (Just re-read that and if I don't have your email, then you aren't reading this – duh! So pass the info on to friends whose email I don't have!)

FYI ~ The County Fair has started! Fairgrounds are in Placerville. If you plan to head over to check things out, keep your eye out for the American Legion drink stand. I think I heard that there will be \$3.00 beer! **Pati Kenney** also alerted us that in the Marshall Building there will be a booth for Master Cooks. They're planning to have samples there to hand out. Now that's got to be a treat!

Well, this meeting was pretty short but sweet! Rudy had a couple jokes for us before JR started the raffle:

Understanding women from a man's perspective ~ I know I'm not going to understand women. I'll never understand how you can take boiling hot wax, pour it onto your upper thigh, rip the hair out by the root and still be afraid of a spider.

Who does what ~ A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee". The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should make the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the Old Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it did indeed say ... "He-Brews"!

And with that, JR took the reins and started our raffle. Winner of the donator's prize was **Peggy Trebnik**. Thanks to all the items we had to choose from: **Trebnik** – freedom candles; **Heier** – wine; **Blazius** – recipe box; **Martin** – wine; **Wolfram** – wasn't written down!; **Kenney** – pot holder & tiered plate; **Akin** – eggs; **Simon** – wine; **Garland** – wine; **Sutherland** – girls hair basket; **Kenny** – ladies clutch purse; **Gibson** – bird house; **Dellinger** – wine; **Fitzpatrick** – table decorations.

Are you ready to try a new restaurant? **Frank & Angie Dellinger** are hosting our July 12th luncheon and they have made arrangements with Awful Annie's in Auburn! Don't be distracted by the name, I've eaten there and the food was great!

You all take care, stay safe and laugh every day.



Twenty seven members attended our Breakfast this month; we still have a few members out cruising and others having a quiet summer at home. The weather is perfect here so why get involved in the hassle of traveling.

There was a lot of conversation about the difficulties of flying today and not always on United. It is very upsetting that after all the years of hard work and dedication, many retirees have had to buy full fare tickets to get on a plane or leave several days early and expect to come home late.

We did talk about the 2023 Reunion; all are looking forward to seeing fellow colleagues and taking the tours we have set up. The USS Midway tour is still the top seller.

Our August birthdays are **Debbie Taylor** (August 9), **Ivan Pedersen** (August 9), and **Jackie Schwartz** (August 22).

This is a short note this month but I hope to have some news for you next month.

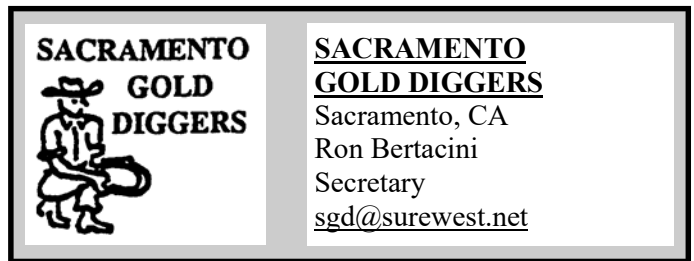
September, we will be awaiting your arrival in San Diego for our Reunion.

Calendar:

August 6 - Monthly retiree breakfast; 10:00 AM. Pt Loma Café, 4865 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2394. If your travels find you in San Diego, we would love to have you join us. I do need to obtain a head count for the cafe staffing so just send me an email.

September 29 - October 4 - Retiree Reunion (Convention) at the Dana Inn. We will be celebrating 48 years!

*"Ô, Sunlight! The most
precious gold to be found on
Earth" ~ Roman Payne*



The June lunch/meeting for the Gold Diggers was at the Wise Villa Winery in Lincoln; all the arrangements were made by **Jim Simon**. It is a lovely venue overlooking the vineyards. It also was a very pleasant day weather-wise as we were on the covered patio with a gentle breeze. There were 29 in attendance including one guest; **Stella Guzman** was the guest of **Marji Gabert-Milan**. Jim introduced his niece Nikki and her boyfriend Cleveland, the grandson of the owner; they are a very nice young couple. Prior to lunch, Steven Erickson from the Winery gave us an interesting talk about the winery and the different wines they make. Steven was informative and answered many questions. The meal service was very good with quite a variety of options.

After lunch, President **Jim Simon** thanked all for attending and all the donations for the monthly raffle. **Dave Garland** and others thanked Jim for finding such a nice venue. VP **Barbara Bertacini** reported that we are covered for the July lunch/meeting that will be at Mimi's in Roseville on Wednesday, July 26th, hosted by **Jim Simon** who will need a head count by the 23rd. The only open date as of now is the August lunch/meeting. Ron & Barbara will be out of town and Jim will just be returning from his birthday trip, so we need someone to step forward to not only host but do the raffle. We will not have a meeting in September due to the RUAEA Reunion which leaves October and December. The **Domaratus** are checking into a place for the October event and at present, we have a reservation for the December Holiday social at Lucille's in Rocklin. The October date is Wednesday the 25th and the December date is Wednesday December 6th.



Gold Diggers at the Wise Villa Winery

Secretary **Ron Bertacini** advised only two anniversaries for June, **Angie & Frank Dellinger** with 54 years and **Rose & Hank Wikstad** with 62 years.

Treasurer **Robin Garland** reported that the chapter is solvent. Robin also said we have two new members, **Else & Dennis Carr**, who rejoined after a few years away. Robin also passed out rosters to those that had not received one.

Sunshine **Angie Dellinger** reported sadly that a long time previous member, **Harold (Mitch) Mitchell** of Vacaville, passed away from cancer on the 5th of June; June marked Mitch & Barbara's 51st anniversary.

Historian **Francis Domaratius** reported that some files have been discovered about the early days of the Gold Diggers and he is compiling a list of the officers through the years. There is a gap from 1987 to around 2003 ... he would appreciate any information about who were officers during those years.

Regional Director **Dave Garland** related that bookings appear to be very strong for RUAEA Reunion. The hotel room night commitment has been increased twice. RUPA and ARECA (Continental retirees) are joining in on the event. If you are thinking of attending, please make your hotel reservation and then be sure to register with RUAEA. There are two ways to register and select your events, meal choices and any tours which at times fill up fast. The events are Oktoberfest and the Banquet. There are four tours, the USS Midway, City Tour, an evening at the Bali Hai and a Harbor Cruise. Go to ruaea.org, at the website you can actually make your reservation using a credit card or you can print out the registration form and make your choices and send it with a check to the address on the form. The sooner you register the better your chances of getting the tours you want.

Jim concluded the meeting with a short history lesson about June 28th in History. 1914: Archduke Franz Ferdinand & his wife, Sophie were assassinated by Gavrilo Princip in Sarajevo, Bosnia precipitating the outbreak of World War I. Birthdays on June 28th: 1902 - John Dillinger, 1926 - Mel Brooks, 1948 - Kathy Bates, 1960 - John Elway and 1971 - Elon Musk. Nota-

ble deaths on June 28 were: 1836 - James Madison, 4th President of the United States and father of the Constitution, 1974 - Frank Sutton who played Sgt. Carter on Gomer Pyle USMC and 1975 - Rod Serling, Director of the Twilight Zone.



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Submitted by Bob Scoble:

On Thursday, June 8th, the San Joaquiners Chapter met at Huckleberry's Restaurant in Oakdale for our monthly meeting. We had a small gathering this time with 11 members in attendance. The restaurant was also unable to provide a separate meeting area for the day since another larger group was using the space. The meeting/luncheon was held but to not disturb other diners around, Bob limited some of the meeting formalities. Still, everyone enjoyed getting together, having good conversations and enjoying a good lunch. Thank You Rosie and Chris for pulling this luncheon get together for us.

Bob opened the meeting with a welcome to all for joining. Rudy was unable to join so there was no Treasurer's Report. The assumed current balance of the bank account held our balance at \$675.99.

Most important news is a follow up on **Elma Reyna**, Rudy reported that Elma is home and recovering from surgery. She is starting to get around the house using a walker with his help. To support Elma, Rudy has asked to be removed from being Treasurer. He won't be able to attend meetings until she improves and going to the bank is also difficult.

To support Rudy's request, I visited the bank after leaving the meeting to do a little investigation. The friendly folks at the bank briefed me on their requirements to update signature cards and gave me the forms needed. I was surprised that since we are a group, the

bank requires a vote by the group and a copy of the minutes containing that vote to make changes. I was able to get to the bank and deposit the money after meeting with Rudy at his home to pick up preprinted deposit slips.

So, a couple of proposals I would like you to think about before our July 13th meeting:

1. Retain Rudy as Treasurer but add two others to be listed on the account so they can act on Rudy's behalf by a vote of 50% +1 of members present at an upcoming meeting. Duties would be making deposits, writing checks and providing a monthly treasurer's report to the chapter.
2. Nominate and vote on an individual that would assume the duties of Treasurer along with adding two additional members to the account. This would also be voted on at an upcoming meeting 50% +1 of those members present at the meeting.


The bank we have been using is Umpqua Bank, they have branches in Modesto, Valley Springs, Sonora and Copperopolis. Please consider if your interested in being Treasurer or being added to the account or suggest another consideration. I will add this for discussion and possible vote at our next meeting in July.

Steve & Jacque used the new Retiree parking at SFO and it is quite easy. The Air Train (Blue Line) goes from the long term Parking garage at the Maintenance Base which is next to retiree parking all the way to the terminal. For those who retired from SFO, the maximum number of days to park is 21. For those who retired from other bases, max is 14 days. The Parking permit can be obtained 24 hours in advance.

We had a 50/50 Raffle and Rosie won the Raffle amount of \$20.00, she donated her winnings back to the chapter. Thank you, Rosie. There were no Birthdays or Anniversaries to celebrate this month. The luncheon was hosted by **Chris Fountain** and **Rosie Walls** and we all had a great time. As always, our jokester, **Don Nesja**, entertained the group with several funny jokes.

Hope to see you all next month at our luncheon meeting on July 13 at the House of Beef, 201 N. 3rd Ave., Oakdale CA 95361. **Steve & Jacque Foster** are hosting the luncheon. Please call them regarding your plan to join us, (209) 328 1210. You can also call **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626 5308.

We always meet on the second Thursday of each month at various locations. If you have any questions about our Chapter, please contact our President **Bob Scoble** at (209) 626-5308 and he will be happy to give you information about our group of friendly people. We would be happy to meet you.

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A nice day greeted the 12 members at our July meeting at the Bill of Fare. Management allowed us to use the tent, which worked out very nicely. There was much less noise and we had the entire area to ourselves. It was great to see **Jay Cacioppo** attending along with the usual suspects. We just heard that long time member, **Albert Grossman**, has moved to San Diego to be closer to his children. He will be missed, but hopefully he can make it to the reunion now.

Our picnic event at Vasona was well attended and everyone had a great time; a bit different than the past events, but no one seemed to mind. The weather was picture perfect, nice gifts were raffled out; bringing in some needed funds for our treasury. Thanks to all who made the effort to attend and ensure a fun event for all. Current state of affairs for our country has changed significantly and don't look like they will change anytime soon. However, our lives are still the same and we need to make the effort to participate and not let things we cannot control, control us.

A lot of June birthdays ~ **Karen Behle; Charles Lootens; Nancy Austin; Merle Sweet; Murray Kreitzer; Dave Garland; Bob Mattscheck** and **Lou Marcolina**.

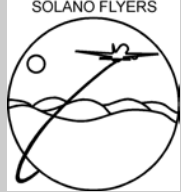
Cleve & Donna Stafford celebrated their anniversary in June.

Our president, **Chuck Clayborn**, has arranged for a couple of activities in June. The first one is to the Moffett Field Historical Museum; this is a great little museum, packed with a lot of history of Moffett going back to the days when the base housed the largest airships, including the Macon. The museum is adjacent to the largest freestanding structure in the world.

The other outing is the monthly Senior Safari at the Kelly Park Zoo in San Jose; a great way to get some walking in along with friends, while looking at the animals and listening to the zoo keepers talk about the animals in their care. This takes place each month, so please check the Kelly Park website for the next couple of months events.

We hope to see all at our August 7th meeting at Bill of Fare at 1000.





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

COLORADO



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President **Don Burbank** opened our meeting with the pledge to the flag.

We donated some to SIU which has made its goal.

50/50 winners ~ **Vi Hanson, Rich Conner, Ginger Spate, Judy Reddy** and **Yumi Trujillo**. **Gary & Yumi Trujillo** brought guests who are retired airline employees. **Toby Burbank** has a birthday.

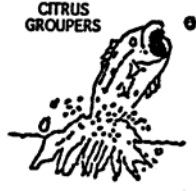
Don reported that the Reunion is progressing well with good registration.

It was good to see **Walt Hanson** and **Jimmy Spate**.

Our next meeting will be held on August 3rd at Ted's Place in Commerce City; come and enjoy the fellowship with fellow retirees and families. Hope to see you all there!

FLORIDA

There is no report this month from the Citrus Group-



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We moved our meeting to July 11 because of Fourth of July; this is after the deadline of the August Newsletter so we'll be reporting on this meeting next month.



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

Have a great summer.

Calendar:

October 6 – Luncheon



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There is no report this month from The Sand Dollars. If anyone has questions about our group, please contact **Ginger Hyde** at ASDIP920@aol.com, or phone (941) 360-6671.





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Our July 3rd meeting had 8 people in attendance. We opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Birthdays ~ USA – Happy Birthday! **Jean Linehan** (7/5).

We ordered early since there was a party of over 30 people coming in at noon.

Helen Kacer is having heart surgery on August 2nd in Tampa; we wished her well.

We talked about UAL, trips and cruises. We had our food and enjoyed the company.

We wished everyone a Happy 4th!

The meeting was adjourned.

Calendar:

August 7 – IHOP - 10:30. We will discuss our September date at this meeting.



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

HAWAII



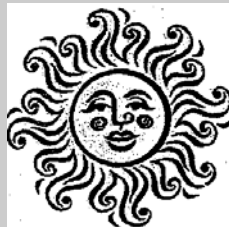
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Aloha! The Honolulu Menehunes is an active chapter and we meet for lunch at various Honolulu restaurants on the 3rd Thursday of February, June, and September. All retirees are welcome to join us. If you are planning to be in Honolulu and would like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

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



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

IDAHO



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

ILLINOIS



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August—Part of the Dog Days of Summer. It's also when the kids start going back to school. It's the most wonderful time of the year. It seems like they just got out, now we're seeing school supplies at Wal-Mart and Jewel. My cousin is going to San Diego State to study film making, holy cow, my little Geoff going to be a director, producer or writer. Wouldn't that be a proud profession from our family? We never had one of those, well, no cattle rustlers either. Speaking of actors, how about the old guys Robert DeNiro having a baby girl at

79, and Al Pacino having a baby boy at 82? Congratulations for getting everything to still work properly! Impressive! Maybe the kids will get together in 20 years and start their own dynasty of an acting family. Hard to believe, but Grease is 45 years old this year. I remember seeing that with **Lila Pugh** from Air Freight, we laughed so hard because it reminded us of our youth in the 50's while in high school. So young, so innocent, so stupid! Other films that year were Superman, Animal House, Jaws 2, Revenge of the Pink Panther, The Deer Hunter, Heaven Can Wait, Halloween, Hooper, Coming Home, Star Wars, and Every Which Way but Loose. Seems like yesterday, well, at least in this century.

August is named after Caesar Augustus, and has 31 days, he had to keep up with Julius Caesar's July, that has 31 days. God forbid one ruler would get the better of another. Many meteor showers take place in August, hope you're in a good area where you can see one or two of them. The flowers are the poppy and the gladiolus, which comes in many colors. The gemstones are the peridot and sardonyx. The zodiac signs are Leo and Virgo. August has two full moons, on the 1st is the Sturgeon Moon, and the 30th the Blue Moon.

It doesn't look like there any federal holidays this month, so make up one of your own. National holidays are Dog, Panini, Happiness Happens, Golf, Back to School, and Mutt-i-grees Rescue Month. There are weekly honorees also, August 1-7 Simplify Your Life Week, 8-13 Elvis Week, 13-19 Aviation Week, 16-30 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, 20-30 World Princess Week! That's us, ladies. The 3rd is Watermelon day, the 4th is Beer, Chocolate Chip, and White Wine Day. The 5th is Hangover day (after beer and wine day?) The 6th is Sister's and Root Beer Float Day. The 10th is S'mores Day, the 11th is Popsicle, Sons and Daughters Day, the 13th is Sleep Under the Stars and Prosecco Day. The 17th is Black Cat Appreciation and I Love my Feet Day. The 21st is Senior Citizens Day, check if any restaurants, etc. will offer us anything. The 22nd is National Tooth Fairy Day, if any of you have any pulled this week, or to remember your great grandkids. On the 27th, you can take off your bra, it's Go Topless Day. Rounding off the month with my animals on the 28th. Rainbow Bridge Remembrance Day. God bless all their waggly tails and wet noses.

Northside Breakfast was not held in June, apparently, The Rose Garden is having a supply problem and possibly needing help. There was a sign in the window last week, Help Wanted Cook. Hmm, that's not good. You can't expect workers to hang on without work. The restaurant can only keep paying them for so long. As soon as I get an update, an email will be sent out to you. At this writing, we're not sure about July, but they should be back by August.

The ORDMM mechanics met at Maxfields with 17

attendees. **Bob Palm, Harry Kargenian, Don Kramlich, Boris Spitz, Bill Durr, Jim Kraft, Frank Wenig, Fred Seibert, Bill Durr, Walt Chornomaz, Dick Hoppel, Rich Protsman, Cas Paprocki, Ron Geibel, Jan Gawenda** and two we haven't seen in awhile, **Frank Rainier** and **Bob Zeier**. Boris made a list of fellas that worked in MM over the last 50 years or so that have gone to that big hangar in the sky. What a moving list of hundreds of United finest technicians. Some of the names we didn't even know they were gone, some were very special friends, the thought that some of them were not with us anymore, brought a little moisture to our eyes. Thanks Boris, we had a little nostalgia that day of friends and very good memories of the good old days. We had another get together in June. About 100 mechanics met in Busse Woods, had food, adult beverages and lots of recollections of even more fun, an engine change at the terminal, field services that lasted days, moving to Terminal One over 30 years ago, and some remembrances are best left quietly in the Woods. A couple foremen are still around! Right guys? Shhhhhh! Hope they have another Picnic in the Park before September.

The ORDMM foremen drew a smaller group, **Bob Smietanski, Tom Abraham, Glenn Hill**, and me. Not sure what happened to the rest of the group, doctors, trips, or just forgot. Next month will be better.

The IAM 1487 had a very perky pizza lunch in July. Over 80 people came to the meeting. There was a collection of non-perishable foods and cash donations for the local food banks. Thank you to all for helping the less fortunate in the community. The August meeting will be the Fun Fair, grilled foods provided by the lodge executives and interactive games, the horse races, corn hole, and maybe a few surprises. They will also have the White Elephant Sale, so bring items from home that are not needed anymore. Each bag is \$.50 each, one way to clean out those drawers. We've collected bags and boxes of 'stuff' after living in the same house for over 40 years. Share your treasures. You'll feel so much lighter.

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get a certain age, you stop being polite and start being honest. No need to run for the brass ring, better job, or more money. Too bad those nasty old supervisors aren't around to tell them off with a smile on your face, without the fear of being fired.

The RUPA lunch was held July 11 with over 40 attendees at Nick's in Crystal Lake. That day just happened to be 'Do Lunch with Old Friends' Day', and that's what it was. A bunch of olde fly boys enjoying each others company talking about trips in bad weather, bad hotels, bad meals, bad first officers, bad mechanical problems, bad health, bad crew, unruly passengers, and a lot of 'Oh my God moments.' On the other hand, su-

perseding all that, the joy of flying through the air, fulfilling their lifelong dreams of being 36,000 feet in the air, away from all the turmoil and worldly discontent. Great layovers in cities you always wanted to visit, some places to look into and take the family back someday. Foreign lands, different customs, unusual food, finding a nice remembrance for their son or daughter. They go over all the different equipment they flew, Boeing, Airbus, McDonald Douglas, Caravelles, maybe even a propeller DC-6 and Vickers Viscounts, from the 60's. We even had a Sikorsky helicopter with our signage, used as a taxi service. Lots of old happy memories. Now they talk about their golf game, fishing, flying their Cessnas, etc. and enjoying the good life, just like us.

The Skyliners Hawaiian Luncheon was another day of merriment and recollection for UAL'ers. We had very energetic hula dancers who performed for an hour, brought back memories of luaus in Hawaii that we all attended in our over 25 years with the company. What great times in Our Little Corner the World, wonderful Good old Days! The girls even stood with the party goers and took pictures at the end. The food at the Belvedere was delicious, we were treated very well. As I told the group, this luncheon almost never happened. The restaurant is closed on Mondays, but because of scheduling conflicts, this was about the only day we could have it, the Belvedere agreed to open for us. The dancers don't work on Mondays, but for us, the owner of The Barefoot Hawaiians, found three people who agreed to be there. When **Jim Sommerfield** and I went there weeks ago to choose the menu, we discovered that they don't offer their famous squash soup anymore. Jim said, 'Oh no, that's why we're coming here, for the soup!' So the event planner went to the chef, and he said, we'll make it for United. How about that? They like us. I hope all the next parties work out as well. When Steve from the dancers asked for people to join him, six brave souls got up and joined in with swiveling hips to the ukulele strains of Tiny Bubbles. **Penny Treptrow, Marsha Sealock-Weber, and Hanna**, guest of **Ray & Jean Potsic**, also **Jim Sommerfield, Jerry Tipperreiter, and Tom Pelc**. Brave souls, you made us proud, thank you! We saw a lot of happy faces and received many compliments on the afternoon. That made us all very happy, the Board, **Marlene Anderson, Charley Lewis, Tom Pelc, Jim Sommerfiel**, and our tech expert/photographer, **Toni VanKampen**, worked hard to make the afternoon a fun day. Thanks to our helpers **Ken Thiede, Pat Kucera**, her sister, and **Lynn Pelc** for helping out. We're always happy to welcome the ladies from the Mainliner Club. Hope you were able to find some goodies at their table.

I also made an announcement that we still need volunteers for the Board or just for helpers with planning

our galas. I heard from two people, but still need a few more. If we can't get more volunteers, December will be our last luncheon. Hate to say that, but four people can not do all the work, all the time. Please consider helping out, even for one party, then I'll beg again for the next one. Deal? All clubs and organizations are going through the same thing, attrition is the demon, death, illness, moving away, not driving, the mind is willing but the body is weak. We've all been there, we sympathize, this getting old isn't fun. Nothing like I expected, how about you? I saw on TV today that the Civil War Reenactment Society can't get the younger people to join them. The average age of men in the group now are about 60-65. Even they are having a problem, it's nation wide. The young'uns don't want to join. I hope a few of you are willing to help out, even if it's selling raffle tickets for one party. Hope all of you come to our next luncheon in December. Plans are just being set in motion now, but it looks like the Belvedere is the place, plan for it and bring your friends. Au Revoir, Avalon, we knew you well, you treated us well.

It's not my age that bother's me, it's the side effects.

Our friends that Flew West last month include, **Joe Nicolini**, ORDCG, **Ken Went**, ORDMM, two of the 'good guys', **John P. Francis**, ORDFO. Also gone from our lives are musicians, George Winston, pianist, televangelist Pat Robertson (700 Club), terrorist Ted Kaczynski, (he sent a bomb to our President, Percy Wood in 1980 that injured him), actors, Treat Williams (Hair), Alan Arkin (Little Miss Sunshine), Glenda Jackson (A Touch of Class), Nicholas Coster (All my Children), Julian Sands (Arachnophobia), Author Carol Higgins Clark, mystery writer, Songwriters, Sheldon Harnick (Fiddler on the Roof), and Coco Lee, inventor Joseph Pedott (Chia Pet & The Clapper), The five men who died in the Titan, and the Chicago DJ we all grew up with, Dick Biondi, 90 years old.

Calendar:


Northside Breakfast - Rose Garden Restaurant, 9:00AM, 800 E. Higgins Rd., corner of Higgins and Scott Sts., Elk Grove, (**August 10**) second Thursday of the month (Note: New Address)

IAM 1487 Lunch, 1487 Lodge, 50 W. Oakton St., Des Plaines, (**August 3**) 11:00AM. First Thursday.

ORDMM Breakfast - Maxfield's, 9:00AM, Plum Grove & Schaumburg Rds. (**August 18**). Third Thursday.



INDIANA



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Our June chapter meeting was attended by **Bob & Myrtle Duty, Frank & Rita Prins, Ron Bretherick** and **Frank Ingegno**.

During our meeting, we discussed plans for the annual picnic, which is planned for September at Washington Township Park in Avon, Indiana. Pickleball is on the activities list. The picnic is open to chapter members and their families. It will be a pitch in with the chapter providing burgers and hot dogs.


The RUAEA Indy Racers chapter is always open for new participants. Any United/CO retirees living in the Indianapolis area are welcome to join. Come check us out at one of our monthly meetings. We also welcome visitors. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12 Noon. Location of our meeting is Emmy's Pancake House and Grill, 7508 Beechwood Center Road, Avon, IN 46123, (317) 272-7200.

Our future meetings schedule:

- **July 11** at Emmy's
- **August 8** at Emmy's
- **September 12**, Picnic at Washington Township Park

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

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We were saddened to learn of the death of two Detroit United former employees: **Lou Urli**, DTWRR retiree, passed away on June 14, 2023. Lou had been with United for 40 years. Cards may be sent to his wife **Sandra Urli**, 9804 Dorian, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Nancy Schuster called to let us know that her husband, **Michael**, passed away on May 15, 2023. Mike was employed by United for over 50 years at Detroit Metro airport in various positions. Nancy would like to hear from his fiends and can be reached at 33901 Angeline, Livonia, MI 48150.

Part of our DTWRR domino group got together recently to renew old friendships. It had been several years since we had gotten together. Attending were **Patty Gates, Trudy Hall, Pat Jawanda** and **Gwen Dyc**. Illness kept **Charm Nicholl** and **Carol Shaffner** from being there. We missed seeing **Ronnie Tobey**. Two of our group have passed away ... **Debbie LeFebvre** and **Marie Kady**.

Thoughts for the month: *"Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves."* ~ Abraham Lincoln. *"Put up willingly with the faults of others if you wish others to put up with yours."* ~ St. John Bosco.

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

Our next meeting will be a week later than usual due to the holiday. We will meet July 11, again at the Golden Corral at 11:30 am.

Take care everyone!



NEVADA



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

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



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There were 9 members at our June 12 meeting at the Black Bear Diner. **Larry & Barbara Leusing** will miss our July meeting due to a cruise to Alaska. **Larry Stone** is also traveling this month. **Norm & Linda Borchers** are home as Linda continues to mend from her recent fall. Teresa was out of town.

If you are flying from Reno International Airport, be advised that ongoing construction caused the curb, or drop-off, lane to be closed. The ticket lobby is undergoing major renovation as well.

We hope to have the September meeting at Murrieta's Mexican Restaurant once again this year. We will also be making reservations at Biscotti's Restaurant for our Christmas Lunch.

June birthdays were celebrated by **June Roe** and **Larry Reid**. The 50/50 winner was **Allen Robbins**.



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We opened our meeting with a flag salute by Chapter President **Frank Warzocha**. Fortunately, there are no members passing. There was as always, plenty of talk about old times and about what's going on with the company right now. **Frank Kokoska** gave an update about the new IAM contract with the company. There was an emphasis on the retirement plan from the union itself. There were plenty of door prizes to give out, so I guess that's a sign of prosperity for our treasury. **Frank Kokoska** won the 50/50. July 26 will be our next luncheon at the Stagecoach Inn in Scotch Plains at 12:15.

And now, down the memory lane: I thought that with all my many years of travel, that I had become somewhat jaded about my sightseeing; however, my wife Violet and I were visiting friends in New Zealand, and while there, we took a tour of the South island and that included a trip to Milford sound. The boat that we were on finally entered the sound. It is about a half a mile wide and there were two granite rocks on either side about 300 feet high. Water was cascading through the cracks at a fast speed and churning up the water below. Together with the blue skies and bright sun, you could feel the power of nature in all its majesty. Even though all of us may have been "to the mountaintop", isn't there always something to make you wonder?

NEW YORK



BUFFALO CHIPS

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

Any one visiting or planning a visit to Buffalo/Niagara Falls can contact me for information on our

lunch meetings. We meet four times a year, usually the first week of March, June, September and December.

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After we all arrived and settled down, we said the Pledge of Allegiance.

We were all surprised when **Emma Milazzo** arrived with a cast on her left wrist. She told us her saga of falling outside and all the help she had in getting up.

We then learned that **Cassie Manelski** is in the hospital. She had fallen and had a minor fracture in her leg. She was hoping to go home on 5th or 6th.

Snowbird **Frank Ferrara** hasn't been seen since December. We hope he is okay and we get to see him in August.


July anniversaries ~ **Marry Ann & Joseph Lilly** (43 years); **Hellen & Lester Darmstadt** (43 years); and **Marilyn & Richard Holdsworth** (28 years). Congratulations!

Happy July birthday to **Janet Vancleemput, Richard Holdsworth, Desmond Brennan, Nik Manfredo, Bob Cardenas, and Ed Pozzi.**

The 50/50 winners were **Nunzio Milazzo, Ed Pozzi, and John Green.**

See you August 2 for our indoor picnic.

OHIO

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Hello everyone! We had our July luncheon at "Shale Creek Golf Club" the day following the 4th of July. In attendance were 36 chapter members who enjoyed their lunch and getting together with friends.

We honored all Veterans in attendance by having them stand, while we thank them for their service to our country by singing "God Bless America".

The winners of our 50/50 drawing were **Mary Lou M., Bernie K., and Mick H.** We thanked **Bernie G. & John T.** for hosting our 50/50 raffle.

Celebrating their anniversary was **Jeff & Judy S.**, celebrating 58 years of "blissfulness". Members with Birthdays in July are **Tom D.**, and **Bernie G.** And "Yes, we did sing "the song" to them.

We are just about done with setting up the remaining luncheons for the rest of the year. I would like to mention that we are looking at some new places to go for next year.

Looking back at past years, we have enjoyed some "Nautica Queen" luncheon cruises on Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River. Unfortunately, at the end of June, the Nautica Queen had its last cruise. But we have something new starting up in the waterways of Cleveland.

Jacobs Entertainment, Inc. is announcing that "Lady Caroline", a 120-foot-long, 15,000-square foot luxury ship will be arriving in Cleveland to dock in the Flats West Bank. By the time you read this article, it should be here to begin its inaugural season in Cleveland, replacing the aging Nautica Queen.



"Lady Caroline" will offer a regular lunch, brunch, dinner holiday and special event cruises to enjoy with fellow passengers. The ship has four decks, three of which are fully enclosed and climate controlled. Its open-air sky deck has a covered bar with a panoramic view of Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River. This is going to be absolutely one of the best ways to experience Cleveland. With exceptional views, multiple bars, "DJ" entertainment, and a freshly prepared buffet onboard.

The new vessel is named after the daughter of Jacobs Entertainment Inc., CEO Jeff Jacobs. "Lady Caroline" celebrates the next generation contributing to the vibrancy of the region. Mr. Jacobs said in a statement, "Our family hopes it inspires many to see our hometown's promise and appeal".

We are doing some more checking on this cruise luncheon and will be keeping our members updated as we can get more information. Anyone planning on being in the Cleveland area with one of our luncheons can send an email to our chapter's email address ualohbuckeyes@gmail.com with your contact details and we will get back to you. We also welcome guests of members to join us for our luncheons. We can use the people so that our numbers are up above 30, which is what most restaurants want to accommodate us in the party room. So far, we have been hanging around the 30 mark.

We still have many members who need your prayers. As our aging membership keeps getting smaller and smaller I don't think you will find anyone saying they don't have any medical problems. We aren't getting any new members from people retiring from the last 4-5 years. We have tried to contact the station manager with no success. I know other chapters are having the same problems.

We wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Fun summer.

Calendar:

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

August 2 – Picnic at The Chalet in MetroParks

September 6 – Creekside Restaurant

October 4 – In process of finalizing

November 1 – In process of finalizing

December 6 – Diamond Event Center

OREGON



OREGON DEW-ER'S

Portland

Terry Hotchkin

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Our June meeting was another delightful gathering. The food was delicious and the conversations wonderful. I hope more will be able to join us soon. No more news for this month so enjoy a bit of humor, with a little philosophy thrown in. Enjoy!

- ☺ Today's forecast calls for a 100% chance of coffee!
- ☺ Coffee is not just a beverage. It's a cup of liquid sanity!
- ☺ It's better to have your nose in a book than in someone else's business!
- ☺ Do you know that awesome feeling when you get into bed, fall right asleep, stay asleep all night and wake up feeling refreshed and ready to take on the day? Yeah, me neither!
- ☺ I find, these days, that most of my conversations start out with: Did I tell you this already? Or "What was I going to say?"
- ☺ Why does cooking take like 6 hours, and eating like 3 seconds, and washing dishes like 7 days and 7 nights?
- ☺ Breaking news! The earth revolves around the sun! This may upset a few people who think it revolves around them.
- ☺ You never realize how long a minute is until you're exercising.

- ☺ Why do seagulls fly over the sea? Because if they flew over a bay, they would be bagels.
- ☺ I found a book called "*How to solve 50% of your problems*". So, I bought two.
- ☺ Them: How many pushups can you do? Me: If they're the orange flavor I know for a fact I can do 7 of them in one sitting.
- ☺ You know you're getting old when "Friends with benefits", means having someone who can drive at night.
- ☺ I need a "maycation" ... I may come back and I may not.
- ☺ I would make a great Millionaire!
- ☺ I have lived next to the same guy for 3 years. Thought his name was Steve. I call him Steve. He is in my phone as Steve. I have been to his house. We've had dinner together. His name is Brian. His dog is Steve!
- ☺ Some things are better left unsaid. Which I realize right after I say them.
- ☺ Being an adult is a bit out of my price range right now.
- ☺ I try to take just one day at a time ... but lately several days have attacked me at once.
- ☺ The easiest way to double your money is to fold it over. Stay tuned for more life hacks.
- ☺ I just printed a document on a wireless printer from my phone, but I'm not sure which neighbor has my document?
- ☺ If I ever have to run for my life, I can assure you that it's not going to end well.
- ☺ I have decided to cut back on being sarcastic. I solemnly swear to only be sarcastic on days that begin with T like ... Tuesday, Thursday, Today & Tomorrow.
- ☺ If someone calls you "ugly", have a good comeback and say, "Excuse me, I am not a mirror".
- ☺ I started the day off with two eggs for breakfast. They were Cadbury eggs, but whatever. The diet plan said "two eggs" so let's not get picky.
- ☺ On weekends my coffee is recreational, as opposed to weekdays when it is medicinal.
- ☺ Arguing with a woman is like getting arrested. Everything you say can and will be used against you!
- ☺ I'm ready for the rest of this week! I have my umbrella, my flip flops, my mittens, my suntan lotion, my winter coat, my sunglasses, my thermals, my iced tea and my hot chocolate!
- ☺ One thing nobody ever talks about being an adult is how much time you debate yourself on keeping a cardboard box because it's like a really, really good box.
- ☺ Note to self: Just because it pops into my head does not mean it should come out of my mouth.


- ☺ Uncontrollable laughter is honestly one of the best feelings ever.
- ☺ I think the proper name for “senior” women should be: Queen-agers. That is all. Carry on.
- ☺ I don’t know about you, but I’ve thought about running away more as an adult than I ever did as a kid.
- ☺ If we are not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there a light in the fridge?
- ☺ Can’t decide if I need a long run, a hug, a gallon of ice cream, a whole pizza, a cake or two weeks of sleep.
- ☺ The older I get, the more often I find myself hesitating to throw out a used Ziploc bag because it isn’t even that dirty.
- ☺ I could be a morning person ... If morning started at noon.
- ☺ Wouldn’t it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for a short time and come out wrinkly free and two sizes smaller.
- ☺ It’s gardening season. Five weeks ago, I planted myself on the sofa and I’ve grown considerably.
- ☺ Ok, hear me out: An old-fashioned candy necklace, but with Tums and Ibuprofen. Brilliant I know.
- ☺ Life is like a helicopter. I don’t know how to operate a helicopter.

Calendar:

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

August 10 - 2nd Thursday of every month.

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Hello again from Philly, we had a great meeting in June, with 29 in attendance. We had a wonderful guest speaker telling us about “World War II”.

We are off now until October. At this writing, we are having 99° days; so it is best to stay inside to be cool.


We are wishing all our friends a healthy and safe summer. We’ll see you next month. Stay Happy from The Independents.



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

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

UTAH



SALT LAKE RETIREES
Rich Papworth


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

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WASHINGTON



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We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual picnic on July 25th at 12 Noon. We will again gather at the lakeside home of **Kathi Skarbo**, who graciously has allowed us once again to enjoy her gorgeous backyard on Lake Burien; 1611 SW 152nd Street, Burien WA. Please park on 152nd St. where we will have signs with the UA logo. There are only a few spots in her driveway for those with wheelchairs. The cost will be \$10 per person payable at the picnic. In order to be sure we have the correct amount of picnic food, please RSVP no later than July 18th to treasurer **Bonnie Frey** at (360) 459-8048. Please leave your name, phone number and how many in your party on her answering machine.


P.S. Please bring your own beverage if you desire something other than lemonade or water.



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

NATIONAL



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Summer brings many activities for all our Clipped Wings Chapters! We thought we would tell you something really interesting that our DEN Chapter has been doing for many years. So if you are in the DEN area in September ... check out this very special day for our DEN Chapter and the Colorado Rockies!

Each season for about the past 10 years our DEN CW Chapter has volunteered at a Rockies game to hand out a promotional item to the fans as they enter the stadium before the game. The item can be a shirt, a hat, a blanket, a Bobble Head doll of one of the players, or just a coupon for a free hot dog. We provide 25 to 35 volunteers per game (can be Chapter members, friends, neighbors, relatives, etc.) and earn \$500 for our Philanthropy Fund.

There are many groups such as ours who are in the program, and we are guaranteed one game to work each season. There is the possibility of getting another game if a group drops out or an additional promotion at a game is added. We get seats to see the game after all the items are passed out, or the end of the second inning, whichever comes first. It's been a great way to earn money for our Chapter and have fun at the same time. This year we will be doing the game on September 13th.

Clipped Wings is always looking for new members, so if you know anyone interested in "continuing the connection", please go to our website at <http://www.unitedclippedwingsinc.org>. Please feel free to use the QR Code in the card below and it will take you directly to the website. Once you fill out the membership inquiry page, someone will be in touch. Anyone that has further questions, please feel free to contact me via email. ■







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NEW MEMBERS

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

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

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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, 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.

Correction: In the July 2023 Newsletter, the obituary for **Annamarie Librerie** had the wrong address listed. It should be 1454 N. Elmhurst Road, #102B, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

Retiree – **Francis, John P.**, on 4/20/2023, ORDFO, husband of Janet Francis, 37 Shorewood Dr., Bellingham, WA 98225

Retiree – **Hazekamp, Bernard J.**, on 6/24/2023, DENMM, father of Gail Spiegelhoff, 9813 Chicago Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420

Retiree – **Lundquist, Laverne E.**, on 11/27/2022, WHQCR, wife of David Lundquist (deceased), mother of Pat Hutchings, Jan Lundquist and grandmother of Leslie Hutchings, 1013 Casa Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60173

Retiree – **Schuster, Michael G.**, on 5/15/2023, DTWCS, husband of Nancy Schuster (DTWCS), 33901 Angeline Ave., Livonia, MI 48150

Retiree – **Simons, Daniel J.**, on 6/9/2023, DENMM, husband of Phoebe Simons, 2620 E. Egbert St., Brighton, CO 80601 ■



Letters & Notes



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

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Notes

- Always be sure your brain is in gear before you put your mouth in motion.
- Pins are the only things that are pointed in one direction and headed in another.
- The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions.
- There aren't enough crutches in the world for all of the lame excuses.
- A smile is a light in the window of one's face to show their heart is at home.

Janet Baltas - SFOSW

I was a flight attendant from 1973 to 1993 and flew many non-stops across the country where the dessert in coach was carrot cake. It was delicious! So many customers wrote to United requesting the recipe that the SFO domicile published it in the newsletters that they frequently put in the flight attendant mail boxes so we could stay current on what was happening within United. It's been several years since I've made the recipe but back in the eighties, I made it several times and it tasted pretty darn close to what was served on the coach meal tray.

United Airlines Carrot Cake Recipe:

Cake:

- 1½ cups corn oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 2 cups Gold Medal white flour – No need to sift; just spoon out into measuring cup
- 1½ cups freshly shredded carrots (Do **not** use pre-shredded carrots, pre-shredded carrots tend to be dried out – Freshly shredded are moist and more flavorful)
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp allspice
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 tsp cornstarch
- ¾ cup chopped macadamia or walnuts

Combine the above ingredients in a large bowl and mix thoroughly. Spray a 9" x 13" pan with Pam cooking spray. Pour batter into your baking pan. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. Cool before frosting.

Frosting:

- 8 oz cream cheese at room temperature
- 6 oz butter at room temperature
- 2 cups powdered sugar – No need to sift; just spoon out of the box

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

Marc Baxley, Dianne Calderwood, Jeanne Clark, Richard Conner, Richard Deilke, Alfred Gburek, Helene Gray, Rosemary Heier, Jesse Hicks, Shelley Hofmann, Jean Jenkins, John Kercel, Eddy Lara, Augusto Laranjeria, Willaim McKay, Hale McPhee, Yvonne Newland, Victor Rose, Robert Saltray, Connie Staton, Cindy White, Leslie Will, Eddy Dent Whitaker, and Mary Kay Wojtal.

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.)

Jody Hubbard, 1334 Laurenwood Way, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Thank you for all you do to keep those of us who are retired, informed and up to date with United.

Sadly, I haven't attempted to fly standby in years. I am not even sure I could standby and get a baggage cart these days.

I am incredibly thankful for the years I had with United and I can still use the 20% discount for a ticket.

Some Sage advice:

- If you don't have time to do a job right, when will you have the time to do it over?

- ½ tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp lemon juice

Cream with mixer until lightly fluffy. Spread over cooled carrot cake. Serves 10 to 12 people

Linda Smith

RUAEA is my only lifeline when I run into a problem and I could not be more appreciative. It is getting more and more difficult to get through to an agent in the benefits department and there is so much room for miscommunication with the Help Hub so I have turned to our RUAEA officers in the past and they have graciously helped me. Thank you RUAEA for everything you do for United retirees!

Jon Wilkinson

I'm still playing softball at 89. However, this is probably my last year. My balance is not what it used to be.

Dorothy Farah

As a retiree, after 37 years with UA (NY, NJ, IL, WA, MA, & CA), my husband and I would like to travel more. We are hoping to get some good discount info for special packages & hotel discounts. Hoping to use my vacation passes finally in the fall for our 50th anniversary.

Haren Acharya

I visited India for the last two and a half months and I really enjoyed my trip.

Charles & Sharon Cole

It has been a busy year so far! We were spending time with grandkids, 17 days touring the Holy Land, (enjoyed Polaris going, Premium Economy returning) SFO-TLV-SFO. We also had more than a few Dr. appointments (it's all squared away now).

We are currently on a cross country trip, (has been interrupted by Covid), to family reunion in Atlanta, Georgia. I retired from SEAMM over 22 years and will see you at the San Diego reunion!

Ray Herrick

Not much going on, I'm waiting for a procedure to reduce pain in lower back caused by polio at young age. I hope to travel more after good results.■

*We appreciate your
letters.
Please keep them coming!*

The Contact Column



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Reunion 2023

Golf Tournament for Reunion 2023 members spouses and guests.

- Date: Oct 4, 2023 (Wednesday)
- Format: 4 person team scramble.
- Start time for tournament: 11:00 AM with tee times thereafter.
- Cost: \$77 per person entry fee includes cart.
- Location: Sea n Air golf course on Coronado Island.
- Pickup at the hotel at 10:00 AM and transfer by bus to the golf course. \$20 per person for the bus ride.
- Contact for registration:
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Getting retirees to agree on something is a lot like herding a bunch of cats!

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