



The Heritage

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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



The WIIFM question.

On March 13th the Central Leadership Council had a special meeting to discuss Bluebills membership recruitment. Representatives from each chapter provided background information and data on their area of responsibility.

The goals discussed were:

Establish processes that provide opportunities for Bluebills and Boeing employees to work together.

Develop a program specifically aimed at recruiting new Bluebills and promoting the Bluebills organization.

Future meetings will result in plans to establishing a closer connection with current Boeing employees and joint volunteer efforts.

I asked a question I usually bring up when anybody starts discussing volunteer involvement and commitment. The WIIFM question. If you haven't heard of that before it's: "What's In It For Me?" That's another way of asking: Why are people/members involved? Why are people volunteering? What is the reward for volunteering? What do we have to do to encourage/motivate people to volunteer? I believe these are the important questions we should be asking.

At the March meeting I will be sharing some data on the Heritage Chapter meeting attendance and volunteer participation. Basically it shows that we have an average of 52 people attending at least 10

meetings a year. Since we have 621 members in Washington that means @ 19% of our members like to attend our meetings, however if you look at how many attend, our attendance rate is 8%, resulting in a new question. How do we make our meetings better (and increase attendance)?

We have an average of 88 members reporting volunteer hours, which means @ 14% of our members are reporting their volunteer efforts. Is that all that are volunteering? I hope not! Turn in your volunteer hours so we get better, more complete data.

So now I'm asking all of you: how do we improve our membership? Improve our meetings? Build our leadership team? Improve our chapter?

All your ideas are welcome and needed. Your involvement and commitment is wanted and needed. Please contact me or anybody on our leadership team (or anyone in the Bluebills office) with your views on anything concerning these subjects/questions.

At the end of this monthly Chairman's Corner I would like to continue to acknowledge someone who has provided us with service in the Bluebill tradition. This month it's Eleanor Skinner. I first met Eleanor in 1982 or 83, Boeing was having layoffs and SPEEA voted to give Christmas presents to their children. With her husband and several others we found out what was on their "wish lists" and provided a little Christmas cheer. She was a long time volunteer with the World Vision Kids In Need program. Now a-days; she volunteers at the Kent Senior Center, Gamma Delta Cancer Research, Bluebills Retiree Assistance Program, Salvation Army Kids Christmas Shopping, and most importantly she is our host at the door of our meetings also coordinating the food bank effort.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

Hi Bluebills,

I'm starting my April column with a "Quiltism". "Quilters don't make mistakes they make variations." This is part of the fun of quilting. Interesting things can happen when you start putting pieces of fabric together. I know myself, I've made many variations!

The Busy B's give Children's Hospital medical dolls, usually 24, each month. For those who don't know what these are for, they are used by the medical staff to show a child where a procedure will be done, by drawing on these plain little cotton dolls. The child can then put faces on them and decorate them however they want, and then take them home. We make little hospital gowns for the dolls as well. We are always in need for stuffing for them and welcome donations.

We are all doing our thing, making quilts for the various organizations we donate to. Lana just finished an interesting quilt using men's ties, Joyce made a clever one featuring penguins, Bambi did a soccer quilt, Jean does a lot of appliqué on quilts which I know the children love and she and Yoshi make pillowcases for the USO. Lisa recently took some very small pieces of fabric, cut them into very small squares and created an amazing quilt. Our newest member Sybil has made three quilts since she joined us this year and we're really glad she has become part of the Busy B's.



Pictured are some of our medical dolls ready to go to the hospital.

Volunteer Opportunities

Submitted by Doug Hoople

Senior Services of King County is looking for several volunteers for their Meals on Wheels program.

In Federal Way; they need 1-2 people to be a Volunteer Coordinator to ensure homebound elders receive their meals, volunteers pack and deliver the meals, help train volunteers, and accomplish various office duties. You would be working out of the Federal Way Community Center, 876 S 333rd Street on Thursdays between 07:30am and 11:00am. Total time commitment is 6-8 hours weekly. They also need 3 Volunteer Delivery Drivers at the same location on Thursdays for approximately two hours (between 08:30-12:00).

In Kent; they need 3 Volunteer Delivery Drivers at the Kent Senior Center, 600 East Smith Street on Thursdays for approximately two hours (between 08:30-12:00).

In Seatac; they need 3 Volunteer Delivery Drivers at the Seatac Community Center, 13735 24th Avenue South on Thursdays for approximately two hours (between 08:30-12:00).

In Renton; they need 1-3 Volunteer Back-up Delivery Drivers at the Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Avenue North on Wednesdays for approximately two hours (between 08:30-12:00).

Please contact Melissa Pallanes at 206-448-5767 if you have an interest.

The Renton Historical Society, at 235 Mill Avenue South in Renton, is looking for several volunteers to work in a variety of jobs.

They need 10 to 15 Museum Greeters to serve as Front Desk Ambassadors on Saturdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm. An additional 5 Museum Docents are needed to verbally interpret the exhibits for tours scheduled on request on Tuesdays thru Saturdays from 10:00am to 4:00pm. They are also looking for 5 volunteers

for their Oral History Team, who work independently to interview Renton citizens to create a Renton oral history. Training will be provided in all areas, contact Colleen Lenahan at 425-255-2330.

American Cancer Society's Relays for Life

Submitted by Lonnie Stevenson



You all have heard of the American Cancer Society's Relays For Life – going on literally everywhere.

This year the **USONW Spirit Lifters** Relay for Life team is dedicating our Relay walk in the Seatac Relay for Life to our departed but never forgotten compatriot, Maybelle Brickley.

The Relay for Life event is Wednesday May 06, 2015. SAVE the Date and come walk with us.

For more info, key www.seatacrelay.org into your browser. Select the first entry that comes up in the search: [Relay For Life of Delta Air Lines at SeaTac Airport](#)

Scroll down to TOPTEAMS: (right side of the page). Click on **USONW SPIRIT** to get to the USONW Spirit Lifter's page. From this page you can : [Donate Now](#) (or) [Dedicate a lumina](#) (or) [Join our Team!](#)

Specific details about getting to the event, parking, etc. will be forthcoming.

March Meeting Recap

Submitted by Mary Ulibarri

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. First on the agenda was the introduction of first-time members at our meeting: Emmett Omar and John Mah (who attended the annual picnic along with his wife); and there was one guest, Judy Glubrecht. Next were March birthdays: Karen Baker, Meri Eng-

land, Doug Hoople, Margaret Stone and Richard Vaughn. Only one March anniversary: Karen and Bill Baker. Jim Bunt was recognized for his participation in the Big Climb, the fundraiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. He was the oldest contestant to climb 1,311 steps, or 69 floors, of the Columbia Tower. Way to go, Jim.

With the help of view foils (remember those?), Doug then presented statistics for Bluebills members' participation with regard to meeting attendance and volunteer hours versus the number of members. He is committed to improving these statistics by encouraging members to get involved.

Doug also stated the organization's budget is under review and already there are signs of reductions in the area of community projects such as providing gift bags to the nursing homes on three holidays during the year. Efforts for continued sponsorship are being made.

Doug then turned the microphone over to Curtis, from the USO, who spoke on behalf of the USO Relay for Life Race for the American Cancer Society benefit. This year our participation will be in honor of Maybelle Brickley, whom we lost to cancer last December. For more information, contact Doug or Lonnie Stevenson.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker, John Urquhart, the 33rd Sheriff of King County, WA. As Sheriff, he serves as the chief county-level law enforcement official for 1.9 million people and oversees the 1000+ employees of the K.C. Sheriff's Office.

Urquhart grew up in Seattle and attended Ingraham High School, graduating in 1967 as Class President. He then attended the University of Washington, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Business in 1971. He paid for his college education by operating a painting company he started in high school! Later, he owned an electrical construction materials business, which he sold in 1988.



Urquhart's first job in law enforcement was as a Re-

serve Deputy Sheriff for the Island County Sheriff's Department, serving from 1975-1980. He then joined the K.C. Sheriff's Office as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff in 1980, eventually becoming a full-time Deputy Sheriff in 1988. During his 24-year career with the department, he served in a number of roles including: Field Training Officer, Narcotics Detective, Sergeant, Administrative Aide to the Sheriff, and Spokesman. He retired in February 2012 and became President of the S.H.E.R.I.F.F. Fund.

In late 2012, Urquhart decided to enter the race for King County Sheriff, a non-partisan elected office, and won the position in November 2012, with 56 percent of the vote.

John lives on Mercer Island with Shelley, his wife of 40 years. They have a Chesapeake Bay Retriever named Lulu. They have two daughters, age 29 and 31. One is an ICU nurse in New York City and the other works at an early-learning center in Seattle. John and Shelley like to ski in Idaho and enjoy spending time on the beach in Hawaii....that is, when John is not remodeling his house, something he's been working on for 25+ years!

With a good deal of humor and a personal slant, Urquhart provided an outstanding overview of his job as KC Sheriff. After a bit of bantering with the audience and sharing some personal background about his family, Urquhart stated his position upon becoming King County Sheriff. He believes it is his job and the job of everyone in the Sheriff's Office to make sure they maintain the trust of the community. Otherwise, they cannot be an effective crime fighting organization if the community doesn't trust them.

The Sheriff's Office has more than 1,000 employees. It services not only the cities and towns of King County, but also the unincorporated areas, including Skyway and White Center, as well as 12 contract cities, including Shoreline, SeaTac, Woodinville and Sammamish. The Sheriff's Office also is responsible for Metro Transit police, deputies at Sea-Tac International Airport, and search and rescue efforts.

From the beginning of his tenure, Urquhart advocated for better leadership and accountability. For instance, it was said that citizen complaints were not being fully investigated, and that use-of-force cases weren't being

properly reviewed. He believed that the outside audits did not blame the rank and file, but that the previous leadership was failing, and it was time to change that.

Urquhart said his first day officially leading the Sheriff's Office began 30 minutes after the start of the swearing in ceremony. He met with his chiefs and his captains to make sure they were all on the same page. He assured his staff he was on board because he liked working with the people in the Sheriff's Office, and he loved being a police officer. His goals were based on leadership, accountability, and transparency -- a leadership that instills accountability throughout the ranks, commanders as well as deputies.

Among the various challenges, he mentioned the importance of how the department responds to officer-involved shootings. He replied to a question from the audience about law officers "shooting to kill" as opposed to "shooting to stop." He emphasized the near impossibility an officer faces having perfect aim when a suspect is charging him at with the intent to harm.

Urquhart addressed the perennial funding crisis. The Sheriff's Office has had to cut more than 150 deputies over the last five years. It is also scheduled to close its cold case unit. That unit is paid for by a federal grant, which has run out. He says he will try to find funding for it locally, admittedly a big challenge. Budgeting is a never-ending concern. But, he says, public safety is job one for government, and he will do all he can to make sure that whatever money they do have, it will be used wisely, and the citizens of King County will be protected.

Another focus of his is to make his police force more culturally aware. One plan being looked into is putting former Peace Corps volunteers on the payroll. Diversification is an ongoing plan. He stated the force is becoming more male and more white every single year, and that is a problem the force should address to better reflect the increas-



ingly diverse community. The department needs and desires all colors, races and genders to better serve the community.

Urquhart then addressed a good number of questions the audience. It was obvious he had sparked a lot of interest in the topic of the business of being King County Sheriff.

Jim then introduced Ed Devange, who gave a brief talk on the workings of the Meals on Wheels program and how Bluebills members can participate. He had brochures for anyone interested in joining the program and information on how to contact him.

Doug wrapped up the meeting with not only the usual door prize drawings, but Janice Hawes picked the winning ticket for the beautiful quilt that was raffled on behalf of the Busy Bs. Congratulations, Meri England!



Boeing Earth Day Volunteer Events

*Submitted by: [Debbi Metzger](#)
Global Corporate Citizenship / Community Investor - Employee Volunteerism / Northwest Region*

1. PS Earth Day Event at Morrill Meadows Park in Kent
Saturday 4/18/2015 / event start time is 9:00am
Boeing Project Lead is Laura Miller
laura.l.miller@boeing.com Join the Green Kent Partnership and community members at beautiful Morrill Meadows Park to celebrate Earth Day 2015! We will be working together to destroy invasive blackberry bushes, laying cardboard, and adding wood chips.

2. PS Earth Day Farm Maintenance at Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands
Saturday 4/25/2015 / event start time is 10:00am
Boeing Project Lead is Benjamin Fraser
benjamin.m.fraser@boeing.com The Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands (RBUFW) is Seattle's largest urban farm. Community members of all ages volunteer and participate in our educational programs, learning to grow food organically and restore the natural wetlands habitat that

runs down the middle of the farm, while supplying fresh food for the community.

3. PS Earth Day Help Restore the Health of Cavanaugh Pond
Saturday 4/25/2015 / event start time is 9:00am
Boeing Project Lead is Anthony Kalt
anthony.r.kalt@boeing.com Cavanaugh Pond is approximately 44 acres in size and is located on the left bank of the main stem of the Cedar River between Renton and Maple Valley.

4. PS Earth Day: Restoration Work Day for Duwamish River sites!
Saturday 4/18/2015 / event start time is 9:45am
Boeing Project Lead is Jolene Brokenshire
jolene.e.brokenshire@boeing.com "This Earth Day, join Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition/TAG and EarthCorps Sound Stewards as we keep important habitat and public access space along the Duwamish River safe and beautiful! Volunteer work will happen at two adjoining spaces along the river.

Speaker for April

by Jim Beasley

Jessica Murphy will be the speaker for April. Jessica Murphy is a Project Manager for the Capital Projects and Roadway Structures Division of the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) and oversees the Elliott Bay Seawall Project. Murphy is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Washington, with degrees from University of Michigan and Williams College. Having started at SDOT in 2005, Murphy has previous experience managing the First Hill Street Car Project, and SDOT's paving program, which included key projects along California Avenue and in the U District.



Looking Ahead

SEPTEMBER - HOBBY AND CRAFT FAIR

The Heritage Chapter has many gifted hobbyists and crafters who make lovely and interesting items. We would love to see what you create in your spare time. Please bring your "show and tell" items to the September 25th monthly meeting. If you would like to sell any items, that will be okay, too. We look forward to a big turnout for this fun event.

Calendar of Events 2015

Apr 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 28	Chapter Picnic (TBD)
Sep 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting

Food Bank Schedule For 2015

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month.

April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Lonnie Stevenson
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Bob Lambert
October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz
January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim & Bambi Lee

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

Finger-Food Pot Luck at our April 24th monthly meeting. So – get out your favorite finger-food recipes and prepare to wow us with your culinary expertise

April 24, 2015

**VFW Post 1263
416 Burnett Ave S
Renton, WA**



10:00 AM Social 10:30 AM—12 Noon Meeting

Speaker: Jessica Murphy, Project Manager for the Capital Projects and Roadway Structures Division of the SDOT

Topic: "Seattle Seawall Modification Project"

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Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW.

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ **Hours worked** _____ For _____
(month/year) (agency name)

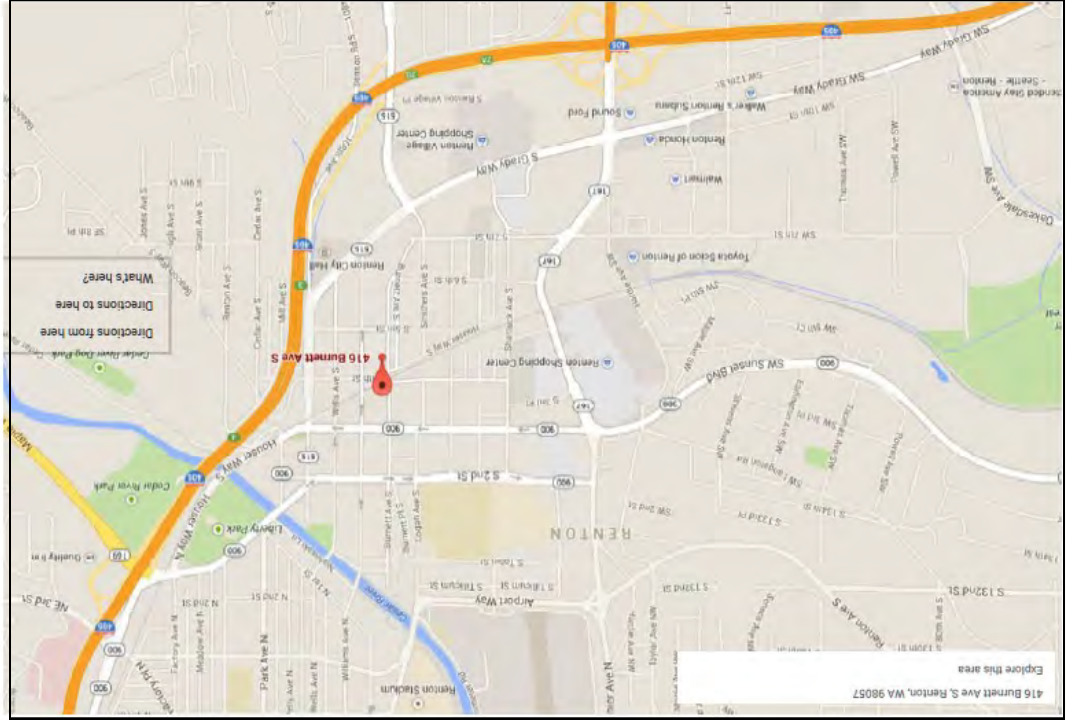
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(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124

Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting: 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton WA 98057



From the **north** take 405 S to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N to Bronson Way. Keep right and continue on S 2nd St. Turn left onto Williams Ave S. Turn left onto Williams Ave S and turn right onto 5th St. Go one block and turn right onto Burnett Ave S. Go one right onto 5th St. Go one block and turn right onto Burnett Ave S to VFW. Directions from here
Directions to here
What's here?

From the **south** go north on Highway 405 to Exit 2 Hwy 167 Rainier Ave S. Go north to S Grady Way. Turn right on S Grady Way to Talbot Rd (3rd light) turn left on Talbot Rd. One block turn right on 7th St and then left on Burnett Ave S. Continue three blocks to VFW.

