



# The Heritage

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## Chairman's Corner

By Jim Orchekowsky



I'll give my best to lead the Heritage Chapter for 2017. I'll refer to Lonnie for help as she has been very active for years and has much needed experience.

Anything any Bluebill has to offer for the good of the Bluebill's please inform me, vice chairmen Doug Hoople, Don Hilt, or Office manager Norma Vaughn.

I want all our Bluebills to inform any Boeing people they know who have or are about to retire from Boeing of the opportunities of becoming a Bluebill member. We need to let retirees know that there is a positive life after retirement. Everyone needs a reason to get up in the morning and that Bluebills can be that reason, sharing good company and good times at Bluebill events

What a thrill it is to help others in need. To help others in schools and hospitals, meals on wheels, providing transportation for doctor appointments and services, or even helping with daily assistance. We all could use their smiles and they need ours.

Be sure to turn in your Volunteer hours monthly.

Bring nonperishable food items or denotations to our monthly meetings for the Food Banks.

The April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting is "Finger Food Potluck" and our presenter from AARP will be speaking on Fraud, which should be of interest to us all.

Have a wonderful month of April.





**Busy B's**

*by Janice Hawes*

The Busy B's have a new member this month. Linda Stephens has joined our group. She had read about our medical dolls and thought she would like to help us make them. She has many other volunteer jobs and so she will be working on them at home for now. We hope we can entice her to try her hand at making quilts in the future but she sounds like a very busy lady at this time.

Mary Jo Rulffes donated a lot of fabric recently. Some we can use and what we can't we pass on to others who can. We thank her and her husband for meeting me and loading up my car with the fabric.

Bambi and Jim Lee took quilts to Child Haven this month and we will be sending quilts and lap robes to Compass House and the Washington State Soldiers Home soon.

That's it for this month. Enjoy all the beautiful trees that are starting to blossom.



**Volunteer opportunity**  
**Bluebills' Busy B's**  
 Our group is open to anyone who likes to sew, knit or crochet. We have sewing machines, and LOTS of material. The quilts we make go to several agencies such as the Veterans Hospital, and Children's Hospital, Child Haven and wherever we see a need. We collect stuffed animals all year long to give away at Christmas. Baby hats go to Valley Medical Center and the Pediatric Interim Clinic in Kent. Afghans go to nursing homes.

If you have never made a quilt, no worries, some of us started that way and learned from those who could.

**March Chapter Meeting Recap**

*By Mary Ulibarri*



Jim Orchekowsky opened the meeting by stating he would be stepping into the Chairman position vacated last month by Lonnie. The attendees expressed their concerns and best wishes for Lonnie while she concentrates on her health. Jim then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no new members or guests, but several March birthdays – Meri England, Doug Hoople and Richard Vaughn. No anniversaries, but Norma Vaughn stated she and Richard celebrated their 63<sup>rd</sup> last month.

A member asked whether there were any more Bluebills shirts available. Norma stated there are a few men's sizes at the office and to contact 206-544-6286 for more information.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker from Food Lifeline. Kathi Matthews, Annual Fund Director, has over 20 years of experience in successful fund raising and volunteer management for non-profit organizations throughout Western Washington. Kathi has served as the Vice President of Annual Giving for the American Cancer Society and as the Regional Campaign Manager for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



Kathi is currently the Annual Fund Director at Food Lifeline. Renee DeRosier, Volunteer Engagement Director, has led the volunteer programs at the University of Washington Medical Center, Northwest Folklife and Children's Museum. Part of her mission at the meeting was to recruit Bluebill volunteers!

The Mission of Food Lifeline is to end Hunger in Western Washington by engaging communities and mobilizing resources.

Working with the food industry and its surpluses, the Food Lifeline comes up with creative solutions for stopping hunger, including redirecting good food from manufacturers, farmers, grocery stores and restaurants that might otherwise go to waste. They provide 90,000 meals a day to local food assistance programs, and that, combined with their policy work, creates a sustainable approach to stopping hunger.

Food Lifeline is regularly recognized for their innovative programs, such as Grocery Rescue, Seattle's Table and Mobile Food Pantry, which are finding new and sustainable ways to redirect surplus food to people in need.

This wholesome food then goes out to the 275 members in the food program network. These food banks, food pantries, hot meal programs, shelters and after-school programs have all been certified by Food Lifeline to meet the highest standards for client care and food safety.

Founded in 1979, Food Lifeline is led by a board of directors that represents the community and the food industry. Food Lifeline employs a staff of around 70 people, from truck drivers to food industry specialists, who all bring a passion to stopping hunger to their work.

Food Lifeline is a proud member of the Feeding America Network. This relationship allows them to bring hunger-stopping best practices, relationships with national food brands and food surpluses from sister agencies back to Western Washington.

Kathi shared a short video put together by fourth graders, which was very well done – entertaining as well as informative. One feature was the Kid's Café, which are located all over Western Washington and help feed kids when school is out during the summer months.

After numerous questions, Kathi turned the mike over to Renee DeRosler, Director of Volunteer Engagement. Renee addressed the need for volunteers to work at their new warehouse at 815 South 96<sup>th</sup> Street in the South Park area. More volunteers are needed to help sort and pack donated food items and fresh produce to be distributed to food banks

and meal programs throughout Western Washington. She provided a list of the days and hours of the week that volunteers can sign up to help. Work sessions are set up into two and a half hour shifts, 9:00AM-11:30AM and 1:30PM-4:00PM, Monday through Friday. Please call Renee at 206-432-3619 if you are interested in helping. Or log on to [www.foodlifeline.org/volunteer](http://www.foodlifeline.org/volunteer) to schedule a volunteer session.

Eleanor Skinner mentioned the new system of members providing monetary contributions as well as food items for the various food banks the Bluebills support. This is working out well and is very much appreciated.

Jim reminded the attendees to bring their favorite finger food to the April 28 meeting. He then held the door prize drawing and adjourned the meeting.

## Air France farewell to the 747

### **Stunning! This is How You Say Goodbye to An Icon**

*By Ric Peterson*

This was a classy tribute by Air France to the venerable



Boeing 747, which they used for 47 years. Shot January 27th.

<http://allthingsaero.com/airlines/video-stunning-this-is-how-you-say-goodbye-to-an-icon>

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## **Bluebills Volunteers At It Again**

*By Mary Ulibarri*

On February 27, eleven Bluebills came together at the South Park office to fill over 700 backpacks with books for children, first to fourth grade, who might not otherwise be able to afford them. The backpacks were to be distributed at the Washington Education Assn. (WEA) Literacy Concert on March 1 at Town Hall, Seattle.



Twenty years ago the National Education Assn. organized Read Across America to promote reading aloud, encourage every child in America to be in the company of a book and to pay homage to Dr. Seuss' birthday. Following that plan, Eddie Westerman, WEA Read Across America Coordinator, contacted the Bluebills to help with the 2017 project.

Forming an assembly line on both sides of the conference room table, Karen and Bill Baker, Meri England, Marcia Phelps, Fran Parker, Mary Ulibarri, Norma and Richard Vaughn filled the bright red backpacks with books and included a Dr. Seuss Cat in the Hat top hat. Jim Bunt, Heinz Gelhaar and Don Hilt were busy putting the packs into crates and stacking them in the loading area.



After close to three and a half hours all the packs were ready for loading when Eddie returned with the rental truck. Feeling pleased with a job well done, the team waved goodbye as she pulled away with heartfelt thanks to the Bluebills.



## **Quilt of Valor Presented to Richard Vaughn**

*By Norma Vaughn*

Richard Vaughn recently received a Quilt of Valor that was presented to him by a South King County QOV sewing group. Richard served active duty with the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956 and spent the year 1953 flying missions in Korea. He was nominated for this honor by his granddaughter and her husband who is currently in the U.S. Air Force. Richard was quite surprised and honored by this recognition.

## Volunteer Opportunities

By Jim Lee



Food Lifeline (A nonprofit Org.) has a need for volunteers to help sort donated food from

local area stores to be delivered to food banks in the Puget Sound area. Their need is for 20 to 30 adult helpers per session per day Tuesday -- Friday first session at 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM and an afternoon session from 1:30 – 4:00 PM. Volunteers can choose either one or both and whichever day they want

Volunteers are their only and essential workforce for sorting an average of 25,000 lbs. of food each day which is then delivered to 275 food banks and meals programs throughout western Washington.

The warehouse where the volunteers are needed is located at 815 South 96<sup>th</sup> St. Seattle Wash. 98108 Please contact Renee DeRosier at 206-432-3619, or Email at [renee@foodlifeline.org](mailto:renee@foodlifeline.org).

This location is just about 4 blocks from our office here in South Park so it is not far away for all south enders’



The “Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor” will be on a one-of-a-kind special exhibition premiering at the Pacific Science Center for a five month run starting in April and they need volunteers to help guide guests through the fascinating history and science behind the discovery of the underground warriors.

Contact Emily Heemstra at the Pacific Science Center phone 206-443-2881, or email at [ehemstra@pacsci.org](mailto:ehemstra@pacsci.org)

## Speaker for April Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

The speaker for the Boeing Bluebills on Friday April 28th at 10:00 AM will be Leeta Scott, AARP Foundation Senior Program Specialist, who will speak about “Senior Fraud and Fraud Protection”

Leeta Scott grew up in the Midwest and received her degree in Social Work from Indiana University. She and her husband moved to West Seattle in 1990, where they raised two sons. Leeta has over twenty years of non-profit program management experience, including managing a parent resource program, creating new services for Page Ahead, a children’s literacy non-profit, directing an AmeriCorps program, and coordinating volunteers for Bloodworks Northwest. She currently manages the AARP Foundation Call Center in SeaTac, which provides peer to peer counseling for victims of fraud or scams. The call center is staffed by volunteers who provide education and resources about fraud prevention through calls and presentations in the community.



## **REPLACING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD ONLINE – A NEW TOOL FOR WASHINGTON RESIDENTS**

By Kirk Larson  
Social Security Washington Public Affairs Specialist

The Social Security Administration strives to provide you world-class service. With that in mind, we rolled out a new service that allows some of our customers to request a replacement Social Security card online.

The new online version of the *Application for a Replacement Social Security Card* allows people in some states to request a replacement card online through our secure *my Social Security* portal without traveling to a field office. You can create or log into your personal *my Social Security* account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount).

This great tool is currently available in **Washington and Idaho**. It's an easy, convenient, and secure way to request a replacement card. In addition, you can get a replacement Medicare Card.

When you open a *my Social Security* account, we protect your information by using strict identity verification and security features. The application process has built-in features to detect fraud and confirm your identity.

In certain cases, security experts at Social Security will contact you to ensure it is a legitimate application. We only issue a replacement card if there's no suspicion of fraud and only mail it to a verified address.

To take advantage of this new service option, you must:

- Have or create a *my Social Security* account;
- Have a valid driver's license in a participating state or the District of Columbia (or a state-issued identification card in some states);
- Be age 18 or older and a United States citizen with a domestic U.S. mailing address (this includes APO, FPO, and DPO addresses); and
- Not be requesting a name change or any other changes to your card.

We plan to add more states in the future. Before you request a replacement card online, you may want to consider whether you need to get a replacement card at all. Most times, knowing your number is what's important. You'll rarely need the card itself, perhaps only when you get a new job and have to show it to your employer.

If you decide you need a replacement card, log into your personal *my Social Security* account at [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount) and select "Request a Replacement Card." Next, answer the screening questions to confirm eligibility, complete personal data, and you're done!



### **Avoid these five common mistakes for a better tax outcome**

By Tom Anderson

For most of us, the end of tax season is nigh. If you are rushing to finish your return, slow down to prevent some of the most common errors taxpayers make when filing.

Filing for the 2016 tax year ends Tuesday, April 18. (If you ask for an extension, then you have until Oct. 16.) This year, the IRS expects taxpayers to file [more than 153 million returns](#).

You can prevent some of the basic mistakes that trip up many taxpayers by following the steps outlined by Jill Gonzalez, senior analyst at personal finance website [WalletHub](#), which she shared with CNBC's "[On the Money](#)."

Here are five errors you can easily avoid:

#### 1. Failing to file a return at all

You can't win if you don't play. Penalties for failing to file a tax return are usually more than any late payment fines you would owe the IRS. So even if you owe money, it is better to file and work out a deal with the taxman.

If you received an IRS tax bill or notice in the mail, call the phone number listed on your notice. You can also call the toll-free tax help line for individu-

als at 1-800-829-1040.

2. Not organizing your records before you begin

Filling out the forms are hard enough without having all the documents at your fingertips.

You should have a [W-2](#) from your employer as well as 1099-MISC if you had any side hustles, which includes income from the sharing economy like Uber and Airbnb. "It all comes down to keeping good records," Gonzalez said.

Here's a list of all the [key documents](#) you will need to file your return.

3. Doing the math wrong

You don't have to go it alone when figuring out how much you owe. There are plenty of [free options](#), especially if you have an uncomplicated financial life. The IRS estimates that 70 percent of taxpayers are eligible for [IRS Free File](#), its free tax-preparation-and-filing software.

"Many taxpayers skip itemizing their deductions, even though it could save them money," Gonzalez said. "Tax software can help make itemization easier and reduce math mistakes."

4. Forgetting to sign your returns

This mindless mistake will attract unwanted attention from the IRS staff.

If you are doing your taxes by hand, use sticky notes to mark the place where you need to sign, Gonzalez said. Also, double-check to make sure your Social Security number used on the return is correct.

Tax software can help reduce these unforced errors.

5. Not storing your returns securely

Once you mail in your return, or transmit it electronically, you may think you're done with tax season. Wrong.

[Tax fraud rakes in billions of dollars each year.](#)

The IRS estimates that it prevented \$22.5 billion in attempted identity-theft tax fraud, but paid out \$3.1

billion in fake refunds in 2014, the most recent year available.

Finish strong by keeping the paper and electronic copies of your tax returns in a secure place — and shred all documents you don't need, Gonzalez said.

*"On the Money" airs on CNBC Saturdays at 5:30 a.m. ET, or check listings for air times in local markets.*



*"Pessimism has some advantages; we are constantly either proven right or pleasantly surprised."*

### Calendar of Events 2017

Jan 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>Heritage Leadership Meeting</b>
<b>Apr 28</b>	<b>Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)</b>
May 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 25	Heritage Chapter Picnic (TBD)
Sep 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Craft Fair)
Oct 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct (TBD)	Chapter Honors Luncheon
Oct 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 17	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 15	Chapter Monthly Meeting

### **Food Bank Schedule For 2017**

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim & Bambi Lee
<b>April</b>	<b>Maple Valley</b>	<b>Vaughn's</b>
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Lonnie Stevenson
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
<b>December</b>	<b>Des Moines</b>	<b>Open</b>

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# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



**April 28, 2017**



**10:00 AM Social—10:30 AM to 12:00**

**Noon Meeting**

**Speaker: Leeta Scott, AARP Foundation Senior Program Specialist**

**Subject: "Senior Fraud & Fraud Protection"**

**"Finger Food Potluck"**

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

**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)

Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124  
Email to [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

### Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting Directions

From the **north** take 405 S  
Bronson Way. Keep right  
and continue on S 2nd St. to  
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 to VFW.  
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. Con-  
tinue three blocks to VFW.

