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Chapter Report

By Doug Hoople



Greetings again from one of your three Co-Chairmen. Yes, there are now only three of us. At the March Heritage Leadership meeting we looked at our leadership plan for the year. I will take charge of the first four months through the first of April. That makes sense since I disappear in the summer months to volunteer at National Parks (but not this year) or go star gazing. This year it's stars, VFW State & National Conventions, camping with the Boy Scouts, and visiting National Parks. Don will take over in April for the next four months and then Richard will finish off the last four months the year.

We will all do a mixture of supporting each other during the year. One of my conflicts is the Thursday before the monthly Bluebills meetings. This is when the Chair and Vice-Chair usually pick up the supplies at the Bluebills office to take to the meeting in Renton. I'm not available on Thursday mornings. I'm off volunteering with the Bellevue School District with a "Backpack Meals Project." We package, label and deliver snack/lunch packages to schools to be given to students who are receiving free or reduced priced lunches, so they have something to eat over the weekend. Yes, there are families in Bellevue who are low income. And Thursday nights I'm at District Scout meetings.

This became a bigger problem on Friday when we all arrived at the VFW without the supplies. Nobody was listening when I said I couldn't pick up the supplies. So, Richard went to the rescue, drove to the Bluebills office, and picked up the supplies. Richard to our rescue. Later he said I could have picked them up on Wednesday. Except I don't have a Wednesday either. In the morning I'm mentoring a student in Issaquah and in the afternoon I'm watching my Grandsons who are out of school with an early release. So, I could do it Tuesday. Well I don't have a Tuesday either. I'm working a banana pickup and a six-hour shift at the USO and another Scout meeting at night. And don't ask about what's on my Monday schedule.

I'm about to retire from being retired (I've been saying that for about a year now.). No sick time or vacation time being earned, no pay, odd working hours, and having to work for several bosses. I'm ready to go back to a stable work life. Too many commitments.

At the Friday meeting I reminded everybody about our April pot luck lunch meeting. However, our great speaker coordinator has arranged for a speaker on that date. So, **we are moving the Pot Luck Lunch to May.** We still need to plan our annual summer picnic. At the beginning of the year we didn't know if we would have a budget so we couldn't reserve a park picnic space. So now we need to think about a location.

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We do have a new bright spot in the office. Fran Walker has volunteered to take on the responsibilities of Agency Relations/Volunteer Coordinator. This area has been basically vacant since Maybell passed. Jim Lee worked with volunteers for a little while, but his volunteering at his local senior center has taken him away from us. Please give her any help you can as she gets on board and starts working to get us more active and organized in our volunteer activities. There should be a couple of new opportunities listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Until next time, Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Doug



Speaker for April

By: Jim Beasley

The Speaker for April will be Stephanie Mehl, RN, MS, Clinical Liaison/Community Educator at Providence Hospice of Seattle.



Stephanie is an experienced practitioner who has been committed to changing the way we view and manage end of life. She has worked as a Clinical Liaison/Community Educator at Providence Hospice of Seattle for over 10 years helping patients and families make important end-of-life decisions and teaches professionals and the community at large. She has 30 years of health care and nursing experience with special expertise in palliative/end of life care, oncology, behavioral health/counseling, and clinical research. She has worked in several academic settings, including Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Strang Cancer Prevention Center and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center. She is thrilled to be a witness to the positive changes occurring in how we deal with end of life in our culture and is committed to community action to further the cause.

She received her BSN from the University of Vermont and an MSN from Hunter College in NYC.



March Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Doug Hoople began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were four attendees with March birthdays – Pat Archer, Meri England, Doug Hoople and Richard Vaughn. There were no anniversaries, guests or new members.

Norma Vaughn expressed her family's gratitude for all the kind thoughts and best wishes after the recent loss of their daughter, Karen.

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Doug announced the Northwest Sarcoma Foundation is seeking 40 volunteers to assist with their annual fundraiser walk around Green Lake Park on Saturday, April 13, from 8:00 AM to noon. This annual event brings together more than 80 teams and 1,000 participants to raise money for grants that are awarded to 200 newly diagnosed cancer patients who are economically disadvantaged. Go to www.dragonslayerwalk.com and then to “volunteer” at the top of the page to sign up for one of the many one hour to four hour commitments.

Helen Lowe then mentioned the Eighteenth Annual Flight for Sight Fun Run & Walk to be held on Saturday, June 1. It will start at the Everett Boeing Activity Center and consists of several options:

- 1 mile walk – non-competitive
- 5K (3.1 miles) run/walk course - flat and easy
- 10K (6.2 miles) run only course - challenging

For more information, visit the web page at www.flightforsight.com.



Jim Beasley then introduced this month’s speaker Erik Pihl, Community Engagement, at the new Nordic Museum in Ballard, recently recognized by Congress and the President as the National Nordic Museum.

Erik has worked in the Museum field for over 20 years at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art in California, the Seattle Art Museum, Pacific Science Center and now the Nordic Museum, formerly named the Nordic Heritage Museum.

Founded in 1979 in a surplus Seattle Public School building located in Ballard’s Sunset Hill, the museum is an internationally recognized museum and cultural center where people of all backgrounds are welcomed to be inspired by the art, history, traditions, culture, and spirit of the five Nordic peoples—Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

With the help of a visual presentation, Erik shared many wonderful pictures and facts about the new museum and its contents. The modern 57,000 sq. ft. museum and cultural center is located in the heart of Ballard. The new building on Market Street along Ballard’s working waterfront was the result of a 15-year journey to identify a location, acquire land, design and construct a world-class museum.



The design is organized around a linear “fjord” that weaves together stories of homeland and the Nordic American experience. Bridges crossing the fjord intensify the experience of migration, connecting Nordic and Nordic American exhibits. Along with the core exhibition galleries, active social areas – cafe, store, auditorium

and classrooms – will expand the Museum’s capabilities and audiences. Members get access to exclusive events and exciting openings. A variety of events are celebrated throughout the year, including concerts, classes, festivals, film, and food.



The museum’s collection includes more than

77,000 objects, primarily from the great migration (late 19th and early 20th centuries). The core exhibition tells the larger story of 12,000 years of Nordic history and culture right up through today.

Since opening last May, the new, renamed museum is the largest museum in the United States to honor the legacy of immigrants from the Nordic countries and the exhibitions have gained international recognition

Erik shared many handouts, and in particular, called attention to an article in the museum magazine, Nordic Kultur about a traveling exhibit due in October called *The Vikings Begin*. The exhibit uses cutting-edge research and a collection of world-class objects to shed new light on the emergence of Viking society. With no written sources, religious texts or records of trade, early Viking society remains elusive, but rich new archaeological finds from graves in eastern Sweden shed light on how it began. A must-see exhibition.

For more information about the new museum go to their website: www.nordicmuseum.org/future

After a number of great questions were answered, Jim thanked Erik and presented him with The History of Boeing book. Doug then held the door prize drawing and closed the meeting

P.S.

Did anyone find two potholders at the Holiday potluck? I'm missing two hand crocheted ones (autumn colors) given to me by my mother 30-plus years ago.

Busy B's

This months column was written by one of our Busy B's, Lana Mitsules.

We've been besieged with foul weather and illnesses. What a start to the new year! Busy B's are moving forward though and are already finishing our first quilts. We get so excited when we get to the binding stage and know we are near the end of a quilt and start planning our next one, frequently changing our minds as to the style several times before we actually start on the new quilt. The hardest part of starting a new quilt is picking out the fabric Janice keeps every piece so nicely folded and color coordinated. The rest of us go to the cupboards and just pick out what we want. Thanks Janice for keeping everything so neat and organized.

Lisa Mitsules

Volunteer Opportunities

Help Your Fellow Bluebills

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The Bluebills office has received calls from some of our members asking for volunteers to help clean up their yards. These are persons who are unable to do the work themselves. We do not have a list of members who are willing to provide this type of assistance but after the storms of this winter it seems that there is probably a great need in the community for help. Would you like to take advantage of the much nicer weather and assist your fellow Bluebills? If so, please contact the Bluebills office at 206-544-6286, leave your name and phone number and we will get back to you with more information. Thank you.

Volunteer Manager Corps Program

United Way of King County and 501 Commons Partnership

Help a nonprofit develop their volunteer program and earn a \$500 Service Award!

Become a Volunteer Manager Corps Member and gain experience expanding a local nonprofit's volunteer program through projects that recruit, engage and retain valuable volunteers.

Spend 10 hours a week from April through June and receive a \$500 Service Award, internship credits, and training in volunteer management best practices. Apply online today! <https://www.501commons.org/engage/vip-manager-corps/vip-manager-corps-application>

For more info contact Meri McCormick at 425-894-8590 or e-mail meri@501commons.org

Robert Lambert

March 1928 – February 2019



Our dear and wonderful friend, Col. Robert Lambert USAF Retired, a founding father of the Boeing retiree organization "Bluebills", passed into the Airforce Squadron Formation in Heaven on Valentines Day, February 14, 2019

His memorial Service at Tahoma Nat'l cemetery was held on his 91st Birthday: March 15th.

If you did not send cards/condolences/wishes/grief sharing because you had no snail mail, email, or a communication avenue to send a condolence now is your opportunity. Please send remembrances, sympathy notes, or stories notes to Bob's sister, who is really having a hard time as we all do when we lose a loved one.

To: Joanne Monroe
1000 S Center St
Casper WY 82601-3734

Another opportunity to share comfort to those who could use it . . .

Bob Stubbs February 13, 2019 a faithful Bluebill Volunteer, who passed on Feb 13, 2019.

Please remember his family who loved him so much as we did and send a condolence/remembrance card .



To : Melinda and all the Stubbs family
14322 SE 163rd Renton WA 980

Calendar of Events 2019

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| Jan 10 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Jan 25 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| Feb 14 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Feb 22 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| Mar 14 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Mar 29 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| Apr 11 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Apr 26 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| May 16 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| May 31 | Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck) |
| Jun 13 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Jun 28 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| Jul 11 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Jul 26 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| Aug 15 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Aug 23 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| Sep 12 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Sept 27 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| Oct 10 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Oct 25 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| Nov 14 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Nov 22 | Chapter Monthly Meeting |
| Dec 12 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Dec 20 | Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck) |

Food Bank Schedule For 2019

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

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|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| January | Highline | Heinz Gehlhaar |
| February | Bellevue | Doug Hoople |
| March | Federal Way | Jim Lee |
| April | Maple Valley | Vaughn's |
| May | Kent | Lonnie Stevenson |
| June | Auburn | Martha Battles |
| July | West Seattle | Heinz Gehlhaar |
| August | Tacoma | Ted & Judy Leyden |
| September | Renton | Eleanor Skinner |
| October | White Center | Heinz Gehlhaar |
| November | Issaquah | Eleanor Skinner |
| December | Des Moines | Lonnie Stevenson |

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



April 26, 2019

10:00AM Social,

10:30AM to 12:00Noon Meeting

Speaker: Stephanie Mehl, RN, MS, Providence Hospice of Seattle

Subject: "Hospice Services"

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

>>> Note: MAY MEETING IS POTLUCK! <<<

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 1K-B02, Seattle, WA 98124

Email to 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.

