



The Heritage

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Chairman's Comments

By Richard Vaughn

The Heritage Chapter March monthly meeting took place on Friday and, boy, what a day!

Without our usual crew things got off to a rocky start. I was busy setting up the speaker system so I had two members step in to help. I want to thank both Nancy Lee Davidson and Norma who took over some of the coffee preparation and other duties. Fortunately, the VFW had hosted a prior event and the tables were all decorated with patriotic red, white and blue table covers and bright centerpieces. We felt very special. However, our problems did not stop there when it came time for the door prize drawing, we could not find the ticket stubs for the drawings and had to give everyone new tickets and make sure we did not lose the new stubs. Some days are like that.

Things became much better when Cory Ertel, Boeing Bluebills Representative and our guest speaker, began his presentation. He has been working for the good of our organization for several months and we appreciate all of his efforts on our behalf. Cory also brought donuts and gifts from the Company for each attendee. Thank you, Cory. (For more information on his presentation please see the minutes in this newsletter.)

Thanks to all for your patience and understanding.

Have you reported your hours?

Remember: You can report any volunteer hours!

Send reports to Mary Ulibarri marybarri20@gmail.com or Dick Beham at bbbeditor@live.com.



March Meeting Summary

By: Mary Ulibarri

Richard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was one Anniversary, Dick & Earlene Beham and four members present with March birthdays – Meri England, Doug Hoople, Margaret Stone and Richard. Others on my list are Emmett Omar, Bernie Pfaff, Linda Bagley, Yoshi Akers, Karen Baker, Pat Archer and Heinz Gehlhaar.

Thanks to those turning in volunteer hours to me at marybarri20@gmail.com or Dick Beham at bbbeditor@live.com.

NancyLee Davidson provided information about the upcoming “Golf Volunteer Opportunities” this summer. Some examples: USO Red, White, and Blue Golf Classic and Jacob Green Golf Classic at the Newcastle golf course, the Randall Morris Gala at the Fairwood Country Club. There are also opportunities for Seafair Fleet Week. See details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Richard then introduced the speaker, Cory Ertel, Regional Grassroots Advocacy, Boeing Government Operation group. Cory introduced himself and shared about his background, including growing up in Seattle as a big fan of Boeing. He then provided a few updates on Boeing news and notes from the last several months including that Boeing employment in WA grew by more than 4,000 last year and that the company ended 2022 with over 60,000 employees in WA with plans to hire 10,000 new employees companywide in 2023.



Cory also discussed the positive recent news with big airplane orders from United Airlines, Air India and Saudi Arabia. He then provided the Bluebills members with an overview of his role supporting grassroots public policy advocacy. He spoke of how he engages with employees, suppliers and retirees, to share information about Boeing’s public policy objectives, and how to get involved in supporting those efforts.

Cory encourages all Bluebills members, who are interested in staying up to speed on Boeing’s commercial, space and defense news, to sign-up for “Watch U.S. Fly” at <https://watchusfly.com/>. In addition to receiving regular news updates, followers of Watch U.S. Fly will also receive periodic “Call to Action” alerts where with a few simple clicks of the button online you can make your voice heard to elected officials in support of Boeing’s public policy interests.

Finally, Cory encourages the Bluebills members to contact him via e-mail at cory.j.ertel@boeing.com, so they can sign up to receive his quarterly retiree e-newsletters with various news and notes from around the company. He then answered a number of questions from the floor.

Jim presented Cory with one of the historic Boeing publication books. Richard held the door prize drawing and then adjourned the meeting with best wishes to all for a Happy Easter.



USO Red, White & Blue Golf Classic June 22-23, 2023

Join us for the 2023 USO Northwest Red, White & Blue Golf Classic. Our USO Northwest Golf Classic features a unique format, including an All-Military Services competition.

Contact Information: kk@golf-events.com



Former Seahawks star Jacob Green has been hosting this annual celebrity golf tournament for more than 30 years. Please join us on the links to raise funds for research and patient assistance at Fred Hutch

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

DINNER & AUCTION - HYATT REGENCY LAKE WASHINGTON

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

GOLF TOURNAMENT - THE GOLF CLUB AT NEWCASTLE

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July 21, 2023



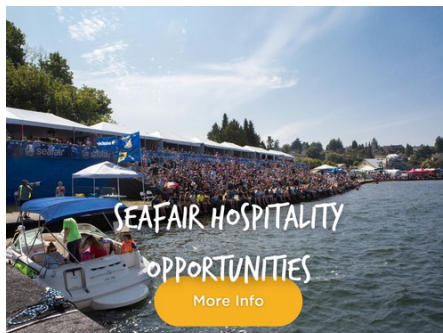
The 12th Annual GTA Celebrity Golf Classic incorporates two days of activities designed to raise awareness and support for the invaluable Early Learning and After School programs at the Greater Trinity Academy (now Rise Up Academy).

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July 29 - August 6, 2023

Seafair 2023 starts with volunteers needed for the Torchlight Parade 7/29, Fourth of July, Fleet week starting on 8/1, and culminating with the Seafair races on 8/6. Click on images for more information.



2023 RANDALL MORRIS FOUNDATION
17th ANNUAL
CELEBRITY GOLF INVITATIONAL
September 11, 2023

The Randall Morris Foundation for Youth & Families hosts its 17th Annual Celebrity Golf Invitational with the biggest and best invitational to date! It will be held again this year at the beautiful Fairwood Golf & Country Club in Renton, WA,

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SOCIAL SECURITY HONORS OUR MILITARY HEROES

Submitted by: Micki Brown



On Memorial Day, our nation honors military service members who have given their lives for our country. Families, friends, and communities pause to remember the many great sacrifices of our military and ensure their legacy lives on in the freedoms we all enjoy. We recognize these heroes who, in President Lincoln's words, "gave the last full measure of devotion."

The benefits we provide can help the families of deceased military service members. For example, surviving spouses and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits. You can learn more about those benefits at www.ssa.gov/survivors.

We also offer support to our wounded warriors. Social Security benefits protect veterans when an injury prevents them from returning to active duty or performing other work. Wounded military service members can receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. Are you a veteran with a 100% Permanent & Total compensation rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs?

We will expedite your disability claim. Both the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Social Security Administration have disability programs. You may qualify for disability benefits under one program but not the other, or you may qualify for both. Depending on your situation, some of your family members, including your dependent children or spouse, may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits.

Want more information? Visit www.ssa.gov/people/veterans for answers to commonly asked questions or to find information about the application process.

Thinking about retirement? Military service members can receive Social Security benefits in addition to their military retirement benefits. For details, visit our webpage, You Can Get Both Military Retirement and Social Security Benefits, at www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/veterans.html.

Please share this information with the military families in your community. To the veterans who bravely served and died for our country, and to the military service members who serve today, we honor and thank you.

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'Rosie the Riveters' take part in Honor Flight



Boeing helps bring a group of "Rosies" to Washington, D.C., for a special celebration.

BNN Tuesday, March 28, 2023

An Honor Flight, similar to those for military veterans, brought a group of eleven "Rosie the Riveters" to the nation's capital for a day of celebration on March 27. The flight was sponsored, in part, by Boeing and organized by the Eastern Michigan WOW Chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association and Honor Flight Network's Michigan-based hub, Talons Out Honor Flight. with Rosie the Riveter. (Boeing photo)"Rosies," symbolized by the iconic "We can do it!" image, answered the call of duty during World War II, working in factories building bombers, tanks and other weapons — jobs traditionally done by men.



The group of eleven Rosies all wore the signature red polka-dot clothing that has become synonymous

"Up until 1941, it was a man's world. And they didn't realize how capable women are," said Mae Krier, who worked as a riveter for Boeing on the B-17 and B-29 lines in Seattle. Krier, like many of her fellow Rosies, left home at the age of 17 to find work to support the war effort.



The group toured the U.S. Capitol, including a stop to pose for a photo at the Portrait Monument, which honors the women who fought for suffrage—a powerful symbol of what the suffragists and the Rosies accomplished for the women who came after them.

"It's up to a woman if she wants a career raising a family or be an astronaut. We have that choice now," said Krier.

Mae Krier and the Rosies visited the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. (Boeing photo)

The Rosies also visited the World War II Memorial, a reminder of why they headed to work after the U.S. entered the war.

"We were doing all that hard work in the factory so they could put their lives on the line. It was

worth it to have them come back,” said Ruth Pegowski, a riveter who worked at a manufacturing plant outside Detroit that produced the B-24.



The day ended with a reception in honor of the Rosies at Boeing’s Arlington, Virginia, headquarters, where they were presented with Boeing heritage pins and Rosie the Riveter challenge coins.

“I travel a lot to speak with women and young girls and they always ask, ‘did you ever imagine what an icon Rosie the Riveter would become?’ I tell them we didn’t do it for honor or an award. We wanted to serve our country like the men fighting overseas,” said Krier.

The Rosies pose with photos of themselves as young women. (Boeing photo)

Recently, Krier helped advocate for the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act, which collectively awards a Congressional Gold Medal to the millions of women who helped build aircraft, motor vehicles, weapons and ammunition during WWII. During the pandemic, Krier sewed Rosie-themed red polka-dot face masks, one of which was flown aboard the Boeing CST-100 Starliner second Orbital Flight Test, or OFT-2.



Ziad Ojakli, Boeing executive vice president of Government Operations, presented Krier with these special, space-flown items during the reception.

Ziad Ojakli, executive vice president of Government Operations, presents Boeing retiree Mae Krier with the space-flown Rosie mask and bandana. (Boeing photo)

Mae, your legacy, and the legacy of all Rosies, live strong to this day. You continue to inspire women and young girls — even those young girls in the room today who will eventually blaze trails of their own — to pursue their dreams and break down barriers,” said Ojakli. “You are a shining example of this legacy, and we are grateful for all that you have done.”

Watch Krier’s interview with NBC’s Andrea Mitchell [here](#).

By Rachel Ayres and Michael Quibuyen

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Wellspring's Lasting Change

Are you ready to be a Champion to end family homelessness?

April is here and that means Wellspring's Lasting Change fundraiser is almost here!

Friday, April 28 - Friday, May 5

The unique strength of Lasting Change is you as a **Champion!**

Lasting Change Champions raise money and share Wellspring's impact by creating personalized fundraising pages on the Lasting Change website. Wellspring provides the template and tools, you provide the energy, and passion for ending family homelessness. Trust us, it's easy!

To join, we invite you to reserve your page by filling out the [online RSVP](#) or emailing **Harrison Jones** to confirm.

The Champion website link, toolkits, and support materials will be sent on April 10th. For now, all you have to do is RSVP.

This is a fun way to engage, create Lasting Change, and support families facing homelessness in our community. We hope you will join us!

Sincerely,
Harrison Jones
Donor Impact Officer

PICTURE PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Do you have PUZZLES you would like to trade?

We will have a puzzle exchange at our April 28th meeting for those who would like to renew their collection of puzzles.

New Historical Series

History of Kent, WA

The city of Kent, located 15 miles southeast of Seattle, was home to some of the earliest white settlers in King County, and was the first city in King County to incorporate outside of Seattle. Originally an agricultural community, it has since developed into an industrial center.

Early Human Habitation and the Ocoela Mudflow

Thousands of years ago, the land now occupied by the City of Kent was oceanfront property. Elliott Bay extended far down the Duwamish Valley, at a depth of hundreds of feet. In approximately 3600 B.C.E., the top 2,000 feet of Mount Rainer slid off, sending .7 cubic miles of mud and rock throughout the White River Valley.

This mudflow stopped near Auburn in a massive pile of debris.

The Osceola Mudflow changed the course of the White River, sending it north. Over the centuries, the river sluiced through the mud bump, filling the valley with alluvium. By the time the first white settlers arrived in the mid-1800s, the valley was filled with rich, arable land — perfect for farming.

Native Americans had been fishing, hunting, and gathering berries in the valley and surrounding plateaus for years. Many Indians welcomed the pioneers, for the newcomers broadened their trading potential. But as more settlers arrived in the valley, the Indians' access to the river and surrounding land diminished. Tensions flared.

Back to the Valley

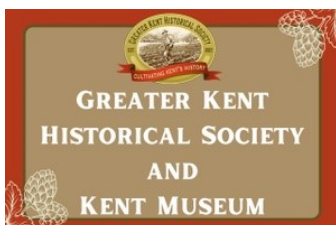
After the ruckus, settlers were slow in returning to the valley. In 1859, Thomas Alvord and his wife bought property along the river and set up a successful ranch and trading business. John Langston arrived in 1862 and opened up a general store. Also in 1862, James Jeremiah Crow eloped to the valley with his bride Emma, where they later raised 13 children.



A hops farming family in early Kent

Farmers again took to the land, raising crops of potatoes, onions, and other vegetables. Animal stock was brought in to pasture on untilled land. By the late 1870s, much of the valley had been cleared, and a new cash crop was cultivated hops, a bitter plant in the hemp family used to flavor beer.

TO BE CONTINUED



The Greater Kent Historical Society operates the Kent Museum and inspires the community to explore and discover their history. We educate and preserve diverse family and kinfolk storylines for future generations. [855 East Smith Street, Kent, WA 98030](https://www.gkhs.org/)

Calendar of Events 2023

In Person Meetings

<i>Jan 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Feb 24</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Mar 31</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Apr 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>May 26</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jun 30</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jul 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Aug 25</i>	<i>Chapter In-Door Picnic</i>
<i>Sept 29</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Oct 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Chapter Holiday Potluck</i>

Food Bank Schedule For 2023

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

<i>January</i>	<i>Highline</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Bellevue</i>	<i>Doug Hoople</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Federal Way</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Maple Valley</i>	<i>Vaughn's</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Kent</i>	<i>Melinda Stubbs</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Auburn</i>	<i>Martha Battles</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>West Seattle</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Tacoma</i>	<i>(open}</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Renton</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>White Center</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Issaquah</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>

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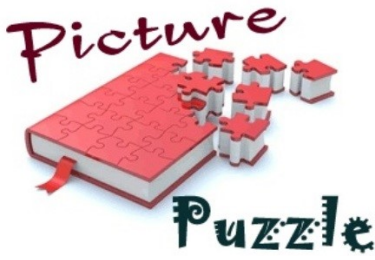
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**Don't Forget to
Report Your Hours!**

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

April 28, 2023

Social 10:00AM, Meeting 10:30 - 11:30 AM



PICTURE PUZZLE EXCHANGE



Speaker: TBA

Subject: TBA

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 _____

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(month/year) (agency name)

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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