



The Heritage

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Chairman's Corner

We have many interesting monthly chapter meeting programs planned for 2012 and your attendance keeps you informed and up to date on the various issues presented.



When Bluebills first started in 1994, Boeing upper management was at the forefront of support. Unfortunately, as management changed or moved on, the Bluebills lost much of its backing, although certain expenses are covered by Boeing. The good news is there are no membership dues, ever, and spouses are automatically welcomed as members.

Talking with your Boeing friends and filling them in on the many advantages of being a Bluebill will benefit them as well as our organization. The Bluebills count on its members to continue as a viable organization, and recruiting members is the route to its survival.

You, the members, are the heart of this organization and recruiting is everyone's responsibility in order to allow the Bluebills to share their mission of good will, fellowship and doing for others. It's up to all members to spread the word sincerely and enthusiastically. New members will thank you for getting them involved in the many worthwhile projects on behalf of the Bluebills, not to mention all the fun we have.

Vice Chairman: *Jim Orchekowsky*

March Chapter Meeting Recap

The meeting was called to order by Jim Orchekowsky, Vice-Chairman. Members celebrating birthdays during the month were: Jim Peterson, Richard Vaughn, Doug Hoople, Meri England, Karin Takeuchi, Bob Lambert and Karen Baker. Three couples celebrated anniversaries - Pat Crockett and Keith Johnson, Dick & Earlene Beham also Bill and Karen Baker.

Bambi Lee and the Busy B's brought in a beautiful display of quilts, children's craft aprons, knitted baby and children's hats, scarves, and dolls that have been cleaned and dressed in new clothing, etc. These items

are created with much love and care



by the sewing group and are distributed to 501C3 agencies throughout the area. The dolls and stuffed toys that are refurbished will go to the areas' food banks at Christmas. Bambi thanked everyone for the donations and support they receive. We thank the Busy B's for all of their hard work they do for Bluebills.

Jim reminded us that we need door prizes if we are to continue to have a drawing at every meeting.

He also talked about the Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship flyer that lists many volunteer opportunities throughout the Puget Sound area during Earth Day (April). Bluebills have been invited by Boeing to join with the employees in supporting these efforts. If you would like to be involved and need more information please call the office for details as to dates and locations.

Eileen Bear announced that the gift bags for the nursing homes, Children's Hospital and Fred Hutchinson will be prepared on Wednesday, April 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Bluebills office. Children's Hospital has also asked for contributions of diapers; they have a very small supply.

Richard Vaughn mentioned that the office has a good supply of the Bluebills' license plate frames and Bluebills' shirts and hats. If you want any of these items please contact the office at 206-544-6286, leave your name and telephone number and we will get back to you.

Helen Lowe announced that Rep. Dennis Kucinich will be speaking on The Threat to Social Security (An Issue for All Generations) on Thursday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m., at Highline Community College, Student Union Building (Building 8). This is free and open to the public. She also announced the 49th Annual Driftwood Sculpture Show, presented by the Northwest Driftwood Artists, on May 19 and 20, 2012, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Hall at Country Village, 23718 7th Ave. SE, Bothell, WA. This show is free and cameras are welcome.



One of our own Bluebills, Dr. Jim Burrows, gave a slide presentation on the redistricting of this area. Every ten years the census data comes out and the states have to make changes to satisfy the constitution. Congressional districts may be added or deleted. The

states have to redo boundaries to satisfy the requirement to have districts of equal population. This is a complicated procedure about which Jim gave a very informative presentation. Thank you, Dr. Burrows.

Michelle Lucero of the Washington State Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Division, Organic Program, was our featured speaker on "Organic Certification in Washington State". The mission of the program is to protect consumers and insure the integrity of organic food products following federal, state and individual laws. This program was formed in 1988 in response to farmers' requests. They do the enforcement, regulation and the certification part of the program and receive no tax dollars. They started in 1988 with 68 farms; in 2011 they have grown to 1,126 businesses.

Before 2002 there was no basic standard of what organic meant which created a lot of infighting among

the many different groups. Now the standard definition of organic is: "A production system managed in accordance with the USDA regulations to respond to site specific conditions by integrating cultural, biological and mechanical practices that foster usage of resources, promote ecological balance, and certify our biodiversity."

This is a very complicated subject with many different aspects. In the overall picture it is easy to say that organic foods are a health benefit, they support the management of the land, workers are not exposed to pesticides, and our waterways are cleaner; these are definite benefits. It is important that the consumer read the label on each product to determine whether a product is organic or not.

If you have questions you can contact the Washington State Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Division, Organic Program, in Olympia, WA., either by mail or on-line. They have literature to share with you. Michelle will also send information about some of the web sites that can provide information. These sites will be published in the newsletter.

Thank you, Michelle, for a very interesting presentation. You have inspired us to think about what we are eating.

The meeting concluded with the drawings for door prizes that were provided by Judy Leyden from her business, "Rockin' With Art". Thank you, Judy, for the beautiful prizes.

Soaring Expo at the Museum of Flight

One of our members, Heinz Gehlhaar, organized Soaring Expo at the Museum of flight. This affair was visited by several Bluebills. Soaring Expo 2012 was held during the weekend of March 17-18. It is put on by the Seattle Glider Council to give the public a glimpse into the fascinating world of silent flight.

Representatives of local soaring and RC glider clubs were available to answer questions for anyone interested in the sport of soaring or becoming a glider pilot. Four full-size gliders and many radio-controlled gliders were on display. And we gave a couple of lectures, had a movie, and a glider flight simulator in operation.

On Saturday morning Allen Silver, as chairman of the

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Parachute Industry Association, gave us a great lecture on Emergency Bailout Procedures and Survival Equipment for Pilots. One of his key points: the parachute will fully open in 2 to 3 seconds. It's never too late to jump.

In the afternoon Linda Chism told us all about Oroville's Aviators: Cloyd and Audrey Artman. Cloyd Artman, inspired by an article in National Geographic, designed and built his own glider, and taught himself how to fly it. Cloyd explored the ridges and valleys of the Okanagan, improved on his design, and soon taught his younger sister Audrey how to fly.



On Sunday morning Brad Hill showed us The Design and Building of A New Glider. Over the last seven years Brad worked on building the first copy of a high-performance glider, the Tetra-15. The design was originally conceived by Bob Kuykendal around 2000 when Bob and his engineer friend Steve Smith decided to develop a sailplane for the kit market. Brad picked up on that design and, with the help of Bob and Steve, produced the first flying model. The sailplane was test flown in mid-February with great results. And Brad is flying it now and showing all of us how we should fly cross-country.

BUSY B's

We "Ladies of the Busy B's " are working fast and furious trying to accomplish as much as fast as we can do it, at this time we are still working on Child Haven craft aprons and play mat covers.

As well as some quilts, caps, and oh so much more, sometimes it's hard to keep track of what all is going on it's such a busy place.

We brought a number of our projects to the meeting at Harley Davidson for display and to let everyone have hands-on fun seeing how wonderful some of the items are. There were many surprises besides several quilts, such as the adorable Turtle stuffed toy, lovely hanky

dresses for Barbie and the beautifully dressed dolls as well. I won't mention who made what, as everyone has been super busy working with all of their might trying to accomplish what Child Haven's wishes were for the craft aprons and the play mat covers, then later more quilts for the little children to have one each.

Compass House is again needing quilts, so when we finish with this batch of Child Haven needed items we switch to quilts again. To those who need them, and looks like Cancer patients are also needing some, it's such a honor to be able to make something for the children who are in the hospital with cancer, and when they leave, they are able to take home with them.. something to say someone cared enough to make the quilt for them, with the soft flannel backs to keep them snuggly warm and just an over all good feeling. It's hard when parents cannot be with them, but the quilts can be all the time. rather like a teddy bear.

A special "Thank You" to ~ ALICE WENTLANDT~ who called and has offered some Stuffedies and other goodies for our Christmas give away. We look forward to getting them Alice. Thanks for thinking of us.

OK are you ready for this? It's another CALL OUT TO ALL OF YOU OUT THERE ! We have another "need" at this time. If you happen to have any ladies colorful patterned floral handkerchiefs that can be made into doll clothes for Barbie, please donate them to us. We have a big time need for them, as they are something unusual and little girls are going to be thrilled to have clothes made from them totally different. Please if you have a dresser drawer with some in there, not doing anyone any good, and you know you won't be using them, this is a good way to make someone happy, please give it some thought at least..

We have become a large enough group now we are not only working on Tues, but also on Thurs. so there is more space to spread out and still be able for some to work together, some even make it to both days in a week, amazing. Thanks ladies for all your hard work, for your love of your work to help others and for showing up each week. You are so much appreciated. and Members at large, we hope you enjoy our display. it was for you that we did it, with lots of love added..

Love from The Busy B's *Bambi, Janice, Yoshi, Lana, Joyce, Lisa, Jean and Kim*

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RAPCO

By Eileen Bear

We are entering the Easter Season!

Easter is on April 8th this year and Little Bunnies will be hopping around, all excited, awaiting their Goodies. EASTER BASKETS were made up April 4th so we could make our deliveries to the Nursing homes, Children’s Hospital, Fred Hutchinson, and Child Haven, in time for the delivery from the Easter Bunny!

Prayer list for the Month of February:

The Family of Ken Porter our long time Chapter Education Committee Chairman who passed away on March 28th the following is his obituary obtained from the Seattle Times Newspaper of April 1, 2012:

Kenneth Walter PORTER Kenneth Walter Porter, born August 23, 1925 in Spondon, England, passed on March 28th, 2012 on Mercer Island WA, his home for 45 years. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him as a husband, father, grandfather and friend. His passions included mechanical engineering and his association with The Museum of Flight, where his RAF Uniform is on permanent display. He had a lifelong interest in theology, genealogy, and travel, making many visits to his native England. He was active in the Mercer Island Presbyterian Church, volunteered with The Blue Bills teaching students about science, and his men's discussion group, The Wranglers. He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Eleanor (Lyn) Porter, his son, Derek (Kim, Emily, Nathan, Krista), three daughters, Karen (Tom, Ray, Briana, Pete), Diane (Gabriel) and Janice (Peter, Eleanor, John, Alex), numerous relatives in England and many treasured friends far and wide. A Life Celebration & Reception will be held on Saturday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mercer Island Presbyterian Church.

Published in The Seattle Times on April 1, 2012

Get well list for this month:

Karen Fields, Tom Gangwish, Pat Itzen , Dale Tange- man, Barbara Miller

We are so glad to have Roland back with us.

Volunteer Opportunities:

PUGET SOUND BLOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP

The Puget Sound Blood Bank needs our help in two different ways. They need volunteers to help with the registration and serving the donors with juice and cookies. You are able to pick the day or days that you are available to spend time with this very important part of the service. Those with Boeing badges really help but they can make arrangements for you.

The second need is for someone to put out the A frames advertising the day and date of the blood drive at each location. The locations are all Boeing and they are at the Garden Plaza and Rosie's Diner, both in Renton; North Boeing Field, Plant 2, 2-122 Bldg., Developmental Center and the Duwamish site, all on E. Marginal Way S. You will need to be able to lift the frames which are 10 pounds. The volunteer will be given a map where to place them at each site. For DC and E. Marginal Way S drives the volunteer can keep the A Frames at home and either the volunteer will come to Tukwila to get the Frames the day before or the time and date information can be mailed to the volunteer to place on the frame at home and put the frame out the night before the blood drive. The frame can then be retrieved at the end of the blood drive shift. They have blood drives monthly so depending on the drive selected, it may be just three times a month.

Hopefully, we have a few people who are willing to help out with this project.

By Maybelle Brinkley

The following Social Security information has been provided by Kirk Larson, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist, who was our February Speaker:

LISTEN AND LEARN ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY. FREE AUDIO PUBLICATIONS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

By Kirk Larson

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist

Perhaps you’ve been planning to read that booklet on Social Security benefits for some time now, but you never seem to find the time to sit down with it. If only

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you could listen to an audio version, just as you might listen to the latest novel by your favorite author on audio book.

Now you can. Social Security offers more than a hundred publications in audio format, in both English and Spanish. You can find them at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/alt-pubs.html> or you can call (800) 772-1213 for assistance.

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If you were planning to plug in the ear buds and listen to a little music tonight, why not play the Social Security publication you’ve been putting off? It’s never been easier to learn about Social Security. Just visit www.socialsecurity.gov and select the “Forms and Publications” link on the left side of the page. Welcome to our online library. Whatever your preferred format, we’re here for you.

The Speaker for our April 27th Chapter Meeting will be Andrew Schmid, Public Affairs Specialist Sound Transit Who will be talking about the “Sound Transit Plans, Projects, and Services”.

Andrew Schmid joined Sound Transit in 2004.

For five years, he held the position of Government and Community Relations Specialist in the Office of Policy, Planning and Public Affairs. Currently, he serves as Public Affairs specialist in the office of Communications and External Affairs.

That’s a mouthful of words which don’t mean much to most people; so - in short - Andrew does his best to relate Sound Transit’s plans, projects and services to the people who pay for them.

For more than a decade before arriving at Sound Transit, Andrew worked in the public policy arena, focusing on transportation.

His past experience includes staffing the King County Council, where he worked on regional transportation issues - including Metro transit and the SR-520 / Trans-lake Washington Study Committee.

Previous to that, he managed several campaigns and served as legislative aide in the Washington State Senate.

At Sound Transit, Andrew's responsibilities include outreach to something called “New Media.” (if you don’t know what that means, he would be happy to tell you). He also works with civic, environmental and business organizations throughout the Puget Sound region.

Andrew currently volunteers on three boards: The Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance, King County Conservation Futures, and the Ravenna-Bryant Community Association.

Andrew is a graduate of Whitman College and Bainbridge Island High School.

- Andrew is an excellent speaker and I think you will find his briefing very informative. He will be using PowerPoint in his presentation.

By Jim Beasley

“No matter how much we consume, we never get closer to happiness; we only speed up the treadmill” by James A Roberts, *SHINY OBJECTS: WHY WE SPEND MONEY WE DON'T HAVE IN SEARCH OF HAPPINESS WE CAN'T BUY*

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Food Bank Schedule For 2012

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

Calendar of Events 2012

Apr 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
June 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
June 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
July 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
July 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug ?	Picnic
Sep 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov ?	Annual Dinner
Nov 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 21	Christmas Potluck
Dec TBD	Christmas Potluck

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Monthly Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson
3715 East Valley Road
Renton, WA

April 27, 2012

Social: 10:00 to 10:30 AM Meeting starts at 10:30 AM

Speaker: Andrew Schmid

Topic:

“Sound Transit Plans, Projects, and Services”.

Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the Downtown Harley-Davidson building at 3715 East Valley Road, Renton, WA. The door on the North side of the building is opened at **10:00 AM** sharp. Please enter the building only on the north side. We meet on the 2nd floor — there is an elevator on the right as you enter. The Social hour begins at that time. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER BUILDING PRIOR TO 10:00 AM.**

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 or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

From the north take Highway 167 south to the SW 43rd St exit, turn right on SW 43rd St to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. From the south go north on Highway 167 take the SW 43rd St exit and turn left back over the freeway to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, Go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. The meeting is in the Downtown Harley-Davidson building, 2nd floor. Signs are posted directing you to the meeting room.

