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Chairman's Corner

By Don Hilt



For the last three months, the Bluebills Volunteer Data for 2012 has appeared on the front page of the Heritage Newsletter. For me, it brings into focus how many of us are volunteering and how many projects are being supported. Each month more than 500 of our Bluebills support between 500 and 600 different projects. The three agencies receiving the largest number of our Bluebill volunteer hours are the American Red Cross, the USO, and the Puget Sound Blood Center. On the Bluebill's website someone wrote, "Of course, statistics don't tell the personal stories, or give a sense of the rewards of volunteering, or show the good that is done for your communities, neighbors and friends. They can only give a hint about the potential we have, as a group."

This month I'd like to highlight the agency which receives the highest monthly number of our volunteer hours, the American Red Cross (ARC). It serves King and Kitsap Counties and has chapter offices in Seattle and Bremerton. The ARC brings together local volunteers to care for their neighbors, trains people in life saving skills, and offers immediate, short-term disaster assistance for victims of fires, floods, earthquakes and other natural or man-made disasters. Two of those volunteers are Bill and Vicki Lee. Both are trained Disaster Action Team (DAT) members who are ready to respond to local disasters by providing safe shelters, hot meals, and essential relief supplies. They have also been trained to drive emergency response vehicles and mobile feeding units.

Bill and Vicki have also responded to disasters in other parts of the country. In addition to mass care (for food and shelter), there are other volunteer opportunities with the ARC to assist with emergency communications and services for military families, offer patient and staff support at the Bremerton Naval Hospital, and provide language interpretation and translations. We are blessed to have so many ways to help others and enrich our lives in the process

All of this leads me to sharing that Bill and Vicki Lee have purchased a home in Arizona and will be spending our gray, rainy, days and cold winter months as "snowbirds" this year. Also joining the snowbird migration to Arizona are Ron and Micki Brown. You can probably guess where this dialogue is headed; yes, a shameless drum beating to encourage volunteers to fill the large shoes left by the Lees and Micki. Beginning in September, Micki will be unavailable to continue as co-editor of the Heritage Chapter Newsletter. Since Dick Beham already shoulders major responsibility for the newsletter, we can't expect him to "soldier" on alone. It's important we fill this position quickly. Who will be the first to volunteer? As co-editor, Micki's responsibility has been to report on the monthly meetings and provide photos of our monthly speakers. Micki tells me the Chapter has a nice recorder for taping the meetings, and that the recorder has a USB capacity so transcriptions can be done on your computer.

I hope our recent weather has been perfect for your outdoor activities and that I will see all of you at our August 23rd picnic at Riverview Park. Until then, enjoy the rest of our summer.

Recap
Chapter Meeting July 26th

By Micki Brown

Our July 26th meeting began with Jim Petersen leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He turned the meeting over to our Chairman, Don Hilt, who found there were quite a few birthday and anniversary celebrants. As usual, we had a great time teasing them all!

Announcements:

Jim Orchekowski (announcing for **Kathy Lyon**) is leading the support for the Bluebills to support our table at the *2013 Puyallup Fair*. A sign-up sheet was circulated for volunteers to support this between Friday, September 6th, and Tuesday, September 10th — when you volunteer, you get **free admission** to attend the fair either before or after your shift — what a deal!!

While Heinz Gehhaar circulated a sign-up sheet, **Eileen Bear** asked for additional volunteers for the "Shop With A Child" being held at South Center's J C Penny store (note the change from Sears), on Tuesday, August 20th at 7:30 AM. The shopping takes 1-1/2 hours before the store opens for regular customers. This annual event is quite a bit of fun and the kids are generally quite organized with a shopping list with their sizes and needed items. Please contact Eileen at pussycat12@comcast.net or Heinz at soar-boy@comcast.net.

Dick Beham renewed his request for people to collect tabs from pop top cans (like colas, etc.). They are combined with those collected from the State Square Dance Association who turns them in and are matched by a benefactor and goes toward kidney research and dialysis.

Jim Beasley introduced our speaker, Bev Lee, from the Washington State Issaquah Fish Hatchery, a 501C organization. Bev has



been with the Hatchery for eleven years and four years ago took the position of Tour and Volunteer Coordinator for

FISH, Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery. She lives in Issaquah so it's a perfect location and gave her the opportunity to reach out to the community and help people understand the importance of caring for the watershed and understand the role salmon play in our environment.



FRIENDS OF THE
ISSAQUAH
SALMON
HATCHERY

"Make A Difference"

Bev started off a great slideshow by showing us a bit of historical Issaquah and the Hatchery. The WPA (1936-1937) actually built the Hatchery, part of which is still quite functional today. Of note is the fact there are only two (yes, 2!) state employees who run the facility - the balance of the "staff" are volunteers, numbering between 10,000 and 11,000! One of Bev's main duties lies with training of these volunteers. Another primary function she leads is that of educational programs. Tours are at a premium with school teachers taking advantage of the

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wealth of information which give hands on time and introduce the next generation to environmental issues. There is a class presentation, "Those Amazing Salmon," primarily for elementary school students who are preparing to visit the hatchery. There are also camps and programs. Speakers are available suitable for a variety of audiences, including senior groups, high school science classes and civic clubs.

The slideshow progressed through the formative years of the Hatchery bringing us current with its growth. A new addition aquarium is expected to be ready in time for this year's Issaquah Salmon Days Visitors will see salmon developing from eggs to fingerlings, just as they do in Issaquah Creek.

This slogan, "Keep the salmon coming



home." is very important. Back in 1992, the State of Washington had the Hatchery "on the chopping block" with other hatcheries to trim the budget. Thanks to local supporters in Issaquah, who not only sent a delegation down to Olympia, 100s of petitions were signed, letters were written and phone calls were made. Olympia got the message that this Hatchery should be taken off the list - power to the people! The Hatchery realized this could come up again, so businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, and environmentalists determined the Hatchery would become, in addition to raising salmon, an educational facility thereby making it so unique that the State would not even consider it again. That is when the FISH organization which supports the Hatchery, would show the State

how critical talking about the environment, the role salmon play in it, and the important role that Issaquah Salmon Hatchery plays.

The remainder of the slideshow was quite unique in that we were able to see how, when the salmon return, that their eggs are harvested and fertilized, how the eggs grow (Bev and her husband brought vials of the stages the fertile eggs go through), how they are gradually taken from eggs to full-fledged salmon and how they then are released back into Issaquah Creek to begin the cycle all over again. I can only say that a tour will be on *my* calendar in the very near future, as this bit of a recap can only scratch the surface of a very interesting part of our little corner of the world -- right in the middle of an urban environment -- there's *so much more* to the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery!

Bev concluded with a question and answer period. Please visit their website (www.issaquahfish.org) for detail information on how to contribute to the funding of the New Aquarium Exhibit's capital campaign to raise \$20,000 for this project. An upgraded aquarium means visitors will be able to watch salmon develop in an environment that reflects the true nature of a healthy watershed habitat.

In closing, Don Hilt introduced visitors and welcomed them to the Bluebills and held the drawing for door prizes.

Micki Brown announced the opening for co-editor of this wonderful newsletter you have in your hands. She and her husband are becoming Arizona "snowbirds" so the position will be available beginning with the September issue -- which would mean covering the annual picnic -- a fun way to start! If you have an interest in volunteering for this position, you can contact her at

Micki_brown@yahoo.com. The duties are simple: attend the monthly meetings, take photos of the speaker, and by using a recorder or note taking, type up an overview of the meeting for the *real* editor, Dick Beham, by sending him an email. He does all the rest! It only takes about two hours a month from start to finish. It's been a blast and it'll be fun to see everyone again during the PNW summers!

Our next meeting is the a **Picnic** to be held August 23rd at the Riverview Park, 2901 Maple Valley Highway, Renton, WA. (See a later article with driving directions ... and get your favorite recipe ready to bring ... polish up your skills for all the fun games and bring your socializing skills to enjoy with the sunshine ... woo hoo!)

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

By Maybelle Brickley

HOPELINK SCHOOL SUPPLY EVENT DISTRIBUTIONS

Hopelink needs volunteers to help at their distribution events in August. If you are able to volunteer for this project please contact Hayden Brooks at 425-943-7577

Location – Hopelink Sno-Valley Center – 31957 E Commercial St. Carnation, WA 98014.
Wednesday, August 14 3:00 PM– 6:30 PM

Location – Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center – 16600 NE 80th St. Redmond, WA 98052. Saturday, August 17 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Location – The Church of Latter-Day Saints (Totem Lake) – 13220 NE 132nd St. Kirkland, WA 98034. Saturday, August 17 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Hopelink Redmond Center 16725 Cleveland St. Redmond, WA 98034. August 19, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location – Sammamish Teen Center – 825 228th Avenue NE Sammamish, WA 98074. Thursday, August 22 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location – Hopelink Kirkland/Northshore Center – 11011 120th Avenue NE Kirkland, WA 98033. Friday, August 23 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

BLUEBILLS PUYALLOP FAIR BOTH

Volunteers needed for manning the booth at the Puyallup Fair. The dates are Sept. 6th through Sept. 10th., 4 hr shifts.

This a fun time meeting new people and explaining what the Bluebills do for our communities. Some retired Boeing employees aren't aware of what the Bluebills do. The shifts are 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. At least 2 people are needed for each shift.

Also needed is someone to help set up the booth on the 5th and take down on the night of the 10th. **Any takers?**

Please contact Kathy Lyons (206-371-6147) to schedule a time or to make changes.

The Salvation Army Seattle White Center Corps Back to School Shopping 2013

By: Eileen Bear

The Salvation Army is planning the *Back-To-School Shopping-Spree* for the children. This year we are meeting the children at JC Penney at South Center. We will be meeting at *JC Penny* South Center Mall East entrance (street level) on August 20th at 7:30 AM. This will be great fun and you will helping needy children.

Come and get matched up with a Child and take them shopping with their wish list, which has their sizes and items they need for school. Each child gets to spend \$200. Children will not be escorted by their parents.

We need to get all the shopping done before the store opens to the public at 10:00 am.

If you have not yet signed up at the last Bluebill Monthly, please call Eileen at 206-932-5428 before

August 12, and you will get on the Salvation Army official list.

Thank you in advance for helping us help these children.

HISTORY FILES

From time to time I like to remind everyone that Bluebills keeps written and photo files of interesting and significant events. Included, of course, are items such as meeting minutes, pictures of major events such as our annual meeting but also, items you send in to be filed. This provides a record of our achievements over the years and shows progress we are making as evidenced by the growth in volunteer hours.

History files are available for anyone to look at for research or the enjoyment of reminiscing with pictures and stories of past memories. But of course the files are only as complete and informative as the articles and pictures that you provide. It seems that as we have become more automated and connected we have not thought as much about providing a copy to the Bluebills historical files. So I am asking you to please remember when you have information that may be of interest to Bluebills members now and in the futures please send copies by e-mail, regular mail or bring them to a meeting.

Thank you,

Karen Baker: e-mail: bakerkm2@comcast.net

BUSY B'S

By Janice Hawes

The Busy B's have even more donations to keep us busy.

Julie Herrin, Bluebill member Marion Herrin's daughter-in-law, recently called me about fabric her mother Carol Woodall wanted to donate to the Busy B's. Her mother lives in Boise, Idaho and was coming for a visit over the recent holiday. She brought several bags of fabric and some cones of thread to give to us. How thoughtful is that!

Julie said she has donated fabric to us in the past.

It's support like this that makes it possible for us to continue to make the amount of quilts we do and

it's so fun to open the cabinet doors and see all that lovely fabric and to think of the possibilities.

During my visit to Children's Hospital I ask Alison, the volunteer coordinator if they needed anything else that we could make. She told me of medical dolls they use to show a child where a procedure will be and as the dolls are plain, the child can then draw a face on it and then take it home with them. We have started making the dolls, complete with a "hospital" gown. Kind of fun to do and we are making them in many skin tones.

Zip Zuther will be delivering the dolls and more quilts to the hospital and we really appreciate all that he does in getting our work there.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us. We always have room for more. I would like to



mention that while I have been sewing for more years then I like to remember, I had never made a quilt before and had some good role models in past Busy B's to learn from. Another of our members, Joyce Hassler used to come in from the Bluebill office to visit and we persuaded her to try her hand. She turns out beautiful quilts!! Bambi, as the founder of the BB's has been a good inspiration to all of us. Yoshi is kind of like our quality control person. She knows so much about putting a quilt together. Jean Derheim has many talents besides quilting. For example, she can turn vintage handkerchiefs into Barbie doll clothes! Lana Mitsules is never afraid to try a new pattern with great results. Our newest member, Lisa Nyreen creates wonderful quilts and does them seemingly effortlessly. She, along with Lana, are our go to people to fix sewing machine problems. All in all, a great group.

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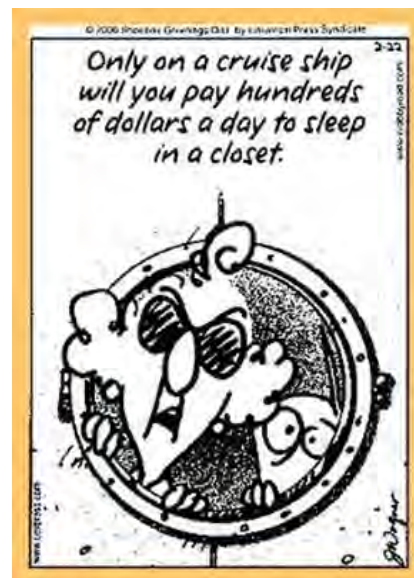
Food Bank Schedule For 2013

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

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 2013

Aug 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 23	Chapter Picnic
Sep 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 6	Chapter Awards Dinner
Nov 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting



Bluebills Heritage Chapter Picnic

Riverview Park
2901 Maple Valley Highway, Renton , WA

August 23, 2013 10:00 AM



FUN!



FELLOWSHIP!



FOOD!

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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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 2nd floor. Signs are posted directing you to the meeting room.

