



# The Heritage

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## Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



Back in Seattle again, so where is the rain? My grass could use some and our cities are talking about water restrictions. It's obvious that I haven't been here to care for my lawn; the only green in my yards is from weeds and moss. At least you don't have to mow brown grass as often. I should have brought the monsoon rain from the Grand Canyon back here. I returned sooner than scheduled. As I drove into Flagstaff, Arizona, a tire on my truck blew out. As I switched to the spare tire I strained my back and ended up not being able to take the two week raft trip down the Colorado as planned (will return in September to complete that journey). As I was reminded in an email "you aren't 30 anymore."

Coming back to the Bluebills office reminded me of two management axioms, "that which gets measured, gets accomplished" and "that which is not documented, doesn't get done." At the beginning of the year I had hoped to build a Bluebill activity calendar. In the past three weeks I've learned what isn't on that calendar. A Renton Division Diversity Fair, a Hot Wheels car display at Boeing field, Shop with Kids with the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity projects and more Meals on Wheels requests. All of those require volunteers to represent us.

To find willing Bluebills to meet these needs is not possible as we operate today. We don't have the office volunteers or a knowledge of what Bluebills are currently interested in to be able to find volunteers to accomplish these events. To find out your interests, I'm providing a survey in this newsletter (and to distribute at our July meeting). Please fill it out and send

it in to the Bluebills' Office or bring to the next meeting. Please make your answers as complete and specific as possible and make sure you fill in the contact information details in the communication section. After the August meeting I'm going to start calling those people who have not returned the survey (or not filled it in completely) and verbally get your data. I will also call individuals who stated they would be willing to help in the office.

We also have a new requirement to seal our newsletters with stickers. So we will need help in the office on the Tuesday following our monthly meeting to accomplish that as well as attach address labels. A few people at the July meeting indicated they would be willing to help.

Being your Chairman has been a learning experience. It is easy to observe that keeping the Bluebills organization running smoothly requires several volunteers to keep everything in the office running. A chairman, two vice-chairmen and an office manager are not the only ones needed. We have several other people who have been helping to keep thing going. However we have lost several key individuals over the past year that is jeopardizing our ability to support our volunteer connections with the community and our members. I hope the results of the survey will allow us to identify several members to share some office responsibilities.

Again at the end of this monthly Chairman's Corner notes I would like to continue to acknowledge someone who has provided us with service in the Bluebill tradition. This month, Bob Stubbs gets my attention. He's the one who makes sure we have donuts at our monthly meetings. He also volunteers at the Kent Food Bank and with several local stamp clubs.

**Busy B's**

by Janice Hawes



Hi Bluebills,

Last month I started my mini series about our Busy B members. Up next is Lisa Nyreen.

Lisa retired from Boeing in 2010, after 36 years with the company, all in the defense side of the business. For 25 of those years she worked as an industrial engineer in cost management supporting Minuteman, AWACS, SRAM, and IUS. Her most rewarding position was Project Manager for Derivative Airplanes Program which produced "Office in the Sky, a Boeing Business Jet, configured to support the four regional Air Force Commands. The General in charge of Desert Storm was the first to receive one of these planes. This was just a brief write up about her job experiences. I'm hoping she will write a future article for the newsletter about what her jobs entailed. It is really interesting.

While working at Boeing she volunteered with the Gifts for Senior Centers. Each year Boeing gave Puget Sound Senior Centers various supplies like blood pressure Cuffs, kitchen supplies games, and all occasion cards, as well as donations from the Boeing Surplus Store.

Lisa would escort Senior Center representatives to the Surplus Store to shop for chairs, tables, white boards and sometimes even typewriters. At Christmas, the smaller donations were taken to the Oxbow Recreation Center where they were wrapped and grouped for distribution to the centers. During this activity, she met Boeing retirees who also helped wrap the gifts.



After she retired she looked at the Bluebill web site and found another volunteer opportunity with the Busy B's. She contacted Bambi and in February of 2011 and became a very valued member of

our team. She said she had never made a quilt before but it's very hard to tell because she is the most creative

person and has made many wonderful quilts. She also makes all the gowns for our medical dolls in colorful materials which I'm sure the children appreciate. She has become our "go to" person to help if anyone has a machine problem or to help when one of us get "stuck" working out a quilt pattern.

The following are some year to date figures that show how our Busy B's stay busy. We gave 40 children's quilts to Children's Hospital and Child Haven, 72 crocheted baby hats to Valley Medical Center and Kent's Pediatric Interim Center, 25 pillowcases to the USO, 148 medical dolls to Children's Hospital, 6 pairs of children's pants, made by Karen Baker, to Child Haven, and 10 adult quilts to Seattle Veteran's Hospital, delivered there by Jim Beasley.

Florence Studer dropped by the Busy B's this week and gave us a LOT of nice fabric. She also has made some of the medical dolls and we really appreciate her generosity so thanks again from all of us Florence.



Bob Lambert and Jim Beasley delivered to the Seattle VA hospital quilts made by the Busy Bees. They were delivered on July 27 to Linda the dona-

tion coordinator. Bob knew the labyrinth of the hospital well, where to park and who to call to accept the quilts. Bob suggested opening the quilt to show the beautiful lining. Linda stated at the next delivery she would try to have a veteran accept a quilt. It would ideal if one of the Busy Bees could be the donator at the delivery.

*Submitted by: Jim Beasley*

## Volunteer Opportunities

Hello all Bluebills,

**This year again the Salvation Army is taking 80-85 children to the JCPenney's South Center location** for the Kids to shop for school clothing, and they need our help. (I have addressed this to the folks who have participated in prior years; So please pass this on to all Bluebills.)

Each kid will get to spend around \$200 each. JCPenney's will be giving an extra 25% discount on all transactions.

As usual the Salvation Army will really thank us Bluebills for our help.

### Schedule of Events - Tuesday, August 18th

**7:00 -7:30am** Volunteers arrive at Southeast corner of JC Penney. Please check in with the Salvation Army, (might want to look for Bill Talbot)

**7:30-8:00am** Salvation Army will feed the children and pair them up with volunteers outside of Salvation Army.

**8:00-10:30am** Children shop with volunteer's help & guidance.

You will get a list of what the kid needs, and their sizes. Volunteers and Kids will check out with JCPenney Cashiers. Kids (with volunteer help) write **Thank You** Cards

**10:30am** Last of kids leave with Salvation Army Busses.

### Bluebills Participation.

Please let me know if you can participate. Just respond to this email and say **YES**.

Also, please pass this on to your friends and neighbors. They may **respond to me at [soar-boy@comcast.net](mailto:soar-boy@comcast.net)**. We can stand all the help we can get. And it is a lot of fun.

I will pass on all names who can participate to the Salvation Army.

**Let's have fun. See you at JC Penney on August 18 at 7:00 AM**

*Submitted by: Heinz Gehlhaar*

## Habitat for Humanity

Lynn Scherer of King County Habitat for Humanity has written to Bluebills stating that they have a few volunteer opportunities coming up that might be a good fit for the Bluebills. They would welcome the Bluebills assistance with volunteers and/or fundraising.

August 21, 2015, is the Vantage Glen project in Renton. A number of groups are coming together to help other seniors age in place with small projects ranging from changing smoke detector batteries to documenting bigger repairs to assist with at a later date.

Special repairs projects - They currently have two Boeing retirees who have requested Habitat assistance with their home repairs. One is a grandmother in South Seattle who has custody of her grandson and she needs repairs to prevent foreclosure and maintain safe access to their home.

Veteran's Day - On Wednesday, November 11, Habitat will partner with several veterans groups on a day-long service project of build and repair on several sites within King County ranging from Federal Way to Snohomish. As many Bluebills are also veterans, Lynn wanted to extend an invitation to attend or participate.

Please give this your careful consideration and if you are able to help with this urgent request call the Bluebills office, phone 206-544-6286, or e-mail [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com). Thank you.

## July Chapter Meeting Recap

*Submitted by Mary Ulibarri*

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, there were plenty of July birthdays: Jerry Durbin, Jean Harris, Ted Leyden, Elfriede Noble, Bob Osrowske and Mary Ulibarri. Jim Bunt had an anniversary, as did Micki Brown with a once in a lifetime date of 7/7/77 at 7:00 pm.

Doug announced upcoming activities requiring volunteers: On August 18, 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM, is the Shop for Kids event at J.C. Penney. On August 26 is the Boeing Diversity Fair in Renton. Richard Vaughn



provided information for ways to assist Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers can help in small ways, like installing batteries in smoke detectors and other small chores around the house. Also a grandmother caring for her grandson needs help upgrading a deck. A work party is being formed for August 27-29. Contact the Bluebills office for more information.

Hoople reminded members of the Annual Bluebills Picnic on August 28 at Coulon Park and that the location has changed this year – see map. Don Hilt is coordinating the soup competition, but also folks should bring other potluck items. Doug also noted the September meeting will feature member crafts and hobbies. Everyone is encouraged to bring his or her projects for display and for sale if so desired.

Doug discussed the form passed out today asking for additional member interests regarding volunteer activities. One position formerly held by Maybelle, rest her soul, has been divided into three parts. Jim Lee has picked up coordinating with the agencies needing volunteers and Mary U. is inputting member volunteer hours into the database in order to submit reports to Boeing. However, there is still a need for someone to coordinate filling agency requests with Bluebills volunteers.

He also encouraged members attending any activities with former Boeing employees to share information about membership in the Bluebills. In addition, feel free to provide our editor Dick Beham pictures taken at these outside events.

Doug explained why a few additional workers are needed at the Bluebills office on the Tuesday morning following the monthly meeting. Boeing is no longer sealing the newsletters, thus the volunteers will be required to add these stickers on the +/-700 newsletters. This is in addition to placing address labels on them. Contact the office for more information.

Lonnie Stevenson reminded the members there are still some open shifts at the Bluebills booth at the Washington State Fair in early September. Remember volunteers are provided free parking and admission to the Fair for the day. Contact Lonnie at the office as soon as possible.

Doug then introduced the speaker, Michael Luis, who



is Executive Director of The Center for Wooden Boats, a unique experiential museum and maritime education center in Seattle and on Camano Island. At the Center he manages a small boat restoration and collection program, adult and children's sailing and maritime skill classes, boat rental operations, and extensive youth program and a major summer festival.

Before joining the Center, Mr. Luis operated a public affairs and communications consulting practice with clients from business, state and local governments, higher education institutions, not-for-profit and economic development organizations. Much of his work focused on research and communications on issues of housing, infrastructure and community and economic development.

Prior to establishing his consulting practice, Mr. Luis was Vice President for Public Affairs at The Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce. During his ten years at the Seattle Chamber, he managed the chamber's communications and advocacy activities on a wide range of issues.

Mr. Luis began his career serving as Director of the Export Task Force of the U.S. House of Representatives. He holds a master's degree in international affairs from The George Washington University in Washington D.C., and a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Washington.

Mr. Luis is author of several local history books, including "Bellevue: Post World War II Years," and "Century 21 City: Seattle's Fifty Year Journey from World's Fair to World Stage."

He is a member of the city council of Medina, and served as mayor under the council-manager form of government from 2012 to 2014. He is also past President of the Eastside Heritage Center, and past Chair of the Alki Foundation, the political arm of the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Luis is a third generation native of the Seat-

the area and lives in Medina with his wife and the youngest of his three children.

Mike began his presentation relating boat building to airplane building by reminding the audience the first Boeing airplane was built on Lake Union. Next he gave a brief history of how The Center for Wooden Boats came about.

In 1968, Dick and Colleen Wagner started renting boats from their Lake Union floating home. After a decade of increasing popularity for their rental operation, the Wagners decided to start a "living museum." Their growing collection of traditional wooden craft led to the establishment of The Center for Wooden Boats. They believed that the purpose of their collection was education and that the most effective means of education was direct experience. The CWB became a hands-on maritime collection where the exhibits were put in the water and the public was encouraged to use them.

All of the Center's programs and events are designed to provide public benefit. There is no admission fee to stroll the docks, enter the buildings, look at the displays, learn from interpretive materials, take rides in historical vessels or enroll in heritage skills workshops. There are free boat rides every Sunday, but be sure and get there early.

The Center for Wooden Boats encourages anyone interested in being involved with boating and maritime activities to enroll in a workshop, pick up a tool and caulk a seam or fasten a plank. This is especially true for the young. There are numerous things to catch one's attention whether it's on the docks or in the boats. It is truly a place where history is simultaneously experienced and evolving through visitor engagement

The Center for Wooden Boats, with 14 employees and countless volunteers, is a maritime museum made up of local folks, tourists and young people participating in job skills programs. There are many people brought together by a shared passion or interest for boating, maritime skills, or just a love of the water.

With a bit of on line searching, here are a few

more facts about CWB:

**MISSION** - Provide a gathering place where maritime history comes alive through direct experience and where small craft heritage is enjoyed, preserved and passed along to future generations. **VISION**, six reasons for being: **Preservation** - helping to preserve and explore the history of maritime culture in Lake Union. **Youth** - envisions a future where every child has the confidence to pursue their full potential; this includes providing challenging physical and mental experiences in wooden small craft with hands-on learning experiences. **Lifelong Learning** – allows people of all ages to use their hands and minds by making maritime craft and skills education available as a lifelong experience. **Community** - envisions a future where people form connections that strengthen society by providing an oasis and gathering place at the water's edge. **Access** - sees a future without barriers to enjoying the waterways by making boats accessible to all. This includes how homeless and at-risk youth are impacted by this access. Mike provided some interesting and touching examples. **Inspiration** - envisions a time where communities around the world are inspired by CWB as a model for community-based, hands-on maritime experience. For more information, the website is [www.cwb.org](http://www.cwb.org).

Mike concluded his presentation by taking questions from the audience and encouraging one and all to visit The Center for Wooden Boats. He also provided a CWB cap to the door prize drawing. Elfriede was the lucky winner.

## **The Future of Social Security – Social Security Board of Trustees Annual Report.**

*By Kirk Larson, Social Security Western Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

The Social Security Board of Trustees released its annual report on the long-term financial status of the Social Security Trust Funds. The combined asset reserves of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Funds are projected to become depleted in 2034, one year later than projected last year, with 79 percent of benefits payable

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at that time. The DI Trust Fund will become depleted in 2016, unchanged from last year's estimate, with 81 percent of benefits still payable.

In the 2015 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees announced:

- The combined trust fund reserves are still growing and will continue to do so through 2019. Beginning with 2020, the cost of the program is projected to exceed income.
- The projected point at which the combined trust fund reserves will become depleted, if Congress does not act before then, comes in 2034 – one year later than projected last year. At that time, there will be sufficient income coming in to pay 79 percent of scheduled benefits.

"While the projected depletion date of the combined OASDI trust funds gained a year, the Disability Insurance Trust Fund's projected depletion year remains 2016. I agree with President Obama, we have to keep Social Security strong, protecting its future solvency. President Obama's FY 2016 budget proposes to address this near-term Disability Insurance Trust Fund's reserve depletion. By reallocating a portion of payroll taxes from Old Age Survivors to the Disability Trust Fund - as has been done many times in the past - would have no adverse effect on the solvency of the overall Social Security program," said Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

"We believe that Congress must take action to reallocate a portion of the payroll tax rate between the trust funds to avoid deep and abrupt cuts or delays in benefits for individuals with disabilities who paid into the system while they worked and now need the benefits they earned to support themselves and their families," Colvin said.

Other highlights of the Trustees Report include:

- Income including interest to the combined OASDI Trust Funds amounted to \$884 billion in 2014. (\$756 billion in net contributions, \$30 billion from taxation of benefits, \$98 billion in interest, and less than \$1 billion in
- reimbursements from the General Fund of the Treasury—almost exclusively resulting from the 2012 payroll tax legislation)

- Total expenditures from the combined OASDI Trust Funds amounted to \$859 billion in 2014.
- The asset reserves of the combined OASDI Trust Funds increased by \$25 billion in 2014 to a total of \$2.79 trillion.
- During 2014, an estimated 166 million people had earnings covered by Social Security and paid payroll taxes.
- Social Security paid benefits of \$848 billion in calendar year 2014. There were about 59 million beneficiaries at the end of the calendar year.

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### **Question:**

How do I know if I meet the eligibility requirements to get Social Security disability benefits?

### **Answer:**

To qualify for Social Security disability benefits, you must have worked long enough in jobs covered by Social Security (usually 10 years). You must also have a medical condition that meets Social Security's strict definition of disability. We consider an adult disabled under our rules if he or she has a medical condition, or combination of medical conditions, that are expected to last for at least one year or result in death, and that prevent the performance of any type of work. If you think you may be eligible to receive disability benefits and would like to apply, you can use our online application at [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability).

### **Question:**

I heard that Social Security benefits increased at the beginning of the year. What is the average Social Security retirement payment that a person receives each month?

### **Answer:**

You are right—Social Security benefits increased this year. In 2015, nearly 64 million Americans who receive Social Security began receiving a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 1.7 percent to their monthly benefit payments. The average monthly Social Security benefit for a retired worker in 2015 is \$1,328. In the State of Washington it is about \$1,398. The average monthly Social Security benefit for a disabled worker in 2015 is \$1,165. In the State of Washington it is almost the same at \$1,168. The Social Security Act details how the COLA is calculated. You can read more about the COLA at [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).



## REMINDER!

### OLY-PEN BLUEBILLS SPONSOR GOLF TOUR- NAMENT FOR DVSA

On September 18 the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills will sponsor a golf tournament to benefit the Jefferson County victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. (Dove House). Here are the details:

**Location:** Port Ludlow, WA

**Date:** Friday, Sep 18

**Time:** 11:00 check-in, 12:00 shotgun start

**Format:** 4-person scramble, men's, women's and couples

**Cost:** \$100 Includes:

Green fees and cart

Box Lunch

Range Balls

After event awards ceremony with hors d'oeuvres

Hosted bar

Golf winners prizes

Raffle prize winners.

No handicap is required. We will pair you if needed. It's just fun for a good cause.

Your reservation for the tournament is needed by September 11.

Contact Myron Vogt to make reservations and arrange play.

[vogt@cablespeed.com](mailto:vogt@cablespeed.com) 360-437-4055

Checks should be made out to Dove House Golf Tournament.



## Looking Ahead

### WASHINGTON STATE FAIR SEPT. 11-15, 2015

#### BB Booth at the Fair IT's Tradition !

We will be manning a booth at this coming Washington State Fair – September 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Museum of Flight.

**A huge THANK YOU to all who have signed up for shifts.**

Since it would be so nice to have at least 2 people on a shift, (i.e. someone to share the experience with). . . .please let me know if you can fill in on one of the **final 3 shift vacancies**

**Sunday: 6 pm – 10 pm Need 1** to help out Heritage Bluebill Myron Anderson who is coming from Gig Harbor.

**Tuesday: 2 pm to 6 pm Need 1** to help out Heritage Bluebill Don Hilt;

**6 pm – 10 pm Need 1** to help Heritage Bluebill CHAIR Doug Hoople as well as packing up at the end of the venue.

**A special Thank you to Jim Bunt** who will help me with setup prior to opening shift.

If you want to sign up for any of the remaining shift mentioned above, **call or email me with your name, phone number, email, and mailing address so you can receive the ticket to the fair.**

[Icebear01@comcast.net](mailto:Icebear01@comcast.net)

253-833-6935 (h) 206-920-0265 (cell)

*Sincerely,*

*Lonnie Stevenson*

### SEPTEMBER - HOBBY AND CRAFT FAIR

The Heritage Chapter has many gifted hobbyists and crafters who make lovely and interesting items. We would love to see what you create in your spare time. Please bring your "show and tell" items to the September 25<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting. If you would like to sell any items, that will be okay, too. We look forward to a big turnout for this fun event.



### Calendar of Events 2015

Aug 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 28	Chapter Picnic (TBD)
Sep 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting

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### Food Bank Schedule For 2015

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
January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim & Bambi Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Lonnie Stevenson
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin

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# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

August 28, 2015

**10:00 AM—Lunch 11:30 AM**

**“Heritage Chapter Picnic”**

*Gene Coulon Memorial Park Renton,  
Shelter 1 (South End of Park)  
(See Flyer enclosed)*



*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** \_\_\_\_\_

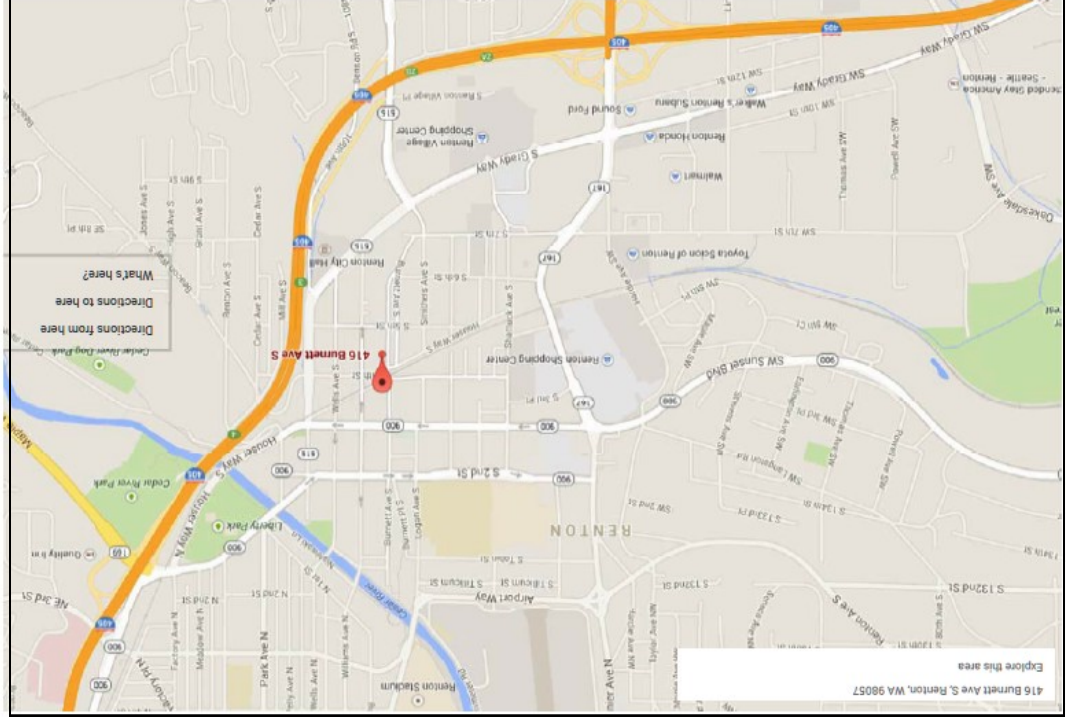
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124  
Email to [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

### Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting: 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton WA 98057



From the **north** take 405 S to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N to Bronson Way. Keep right and continue on S 2nd St. Turn left onto 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. Go one right onto 5th St. Go one block and turn right onto Burnett Ave S to VFW. Directions from here

Directions to here

What's here?

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. Continue three blocks to VFW.

