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Chairman's Corner

By Richard Vaughn



I want to thank Bill and Karen Baker for organizing and successfully completing a recent project for Wellspring Family Services of Seattle. Job well done!

Wellspring has asked us to return and help them again soon. We are considering that offer.

This is a big reminder that our picnic is August 24th at our home in Ravensdale. That may sound like it is far away but it really isn't and it is a pretty drive. *(See the flyer and map included in this newsletter)*. I hope Bluebills who have never attended one of these annual events will come join us and see how much fun, food, and good times retirees can have. I also hope that many of our previous attendees will be there.

In the next few months we need to find people who would like to become more involved with the organization. We will be looking for new 2019 officers – chairman and vice-chairmen. This is not a difficult job or position so think hard about stepping up and helping. To keep the Bluebills organization working it needs more members to help in running it. The committee will be contacting members soon so talk to any of current leadership or call the office and give us your name and we will get back to you with more information. Do you want Bluebills to disband?

Next year the Bluebills organization will be 25 years old. Can you believe that? Yes, it will be and it should be a great time to show Boeing that we still support them as well as the community and other company associated events when asked to do so.

There are also many volunteer opportunities out there. If you know of one where Bluebills can help or you want to organize a group to support it, let us know. We will work with you.

Keep up the good work that all of you are doing and have a wonderful summer.

REMEMBER

Report your Volunteer Hours

By Email: Bluebills@boeing.com , Or Phone: 206-544-6286,

Or Mail: To Address on Form,

Or Bring Completed Reporting Form to the Monthly Meeting



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

The Busy B's have a new project thanks to Lonnie Stevenson. She told us about Mary's Place opening up a new 200 bed facility and they need Quilts which is what we do best. Mary's Place provides many services for mother's and children, too many to list here but look up and read about this wonderful place to see all they do. We are happy to help with providing twin size quilts to them.

Our good friend Meri England just about always brings us a bag of baby hats and this month was no different. 21 beautiful hats. She does such terrific work, we are always impressed. I just recently learned to make baby hats, (on a clever little loom) so I'm doubly impressed with her work. Soon they will be going to Children's Hospital and the Pediatric Interim Clinic.

Tom Moberg recently ask me if the Busy B's could make the little bags Tohoma National Cemetary uses to put the cartridges in after the gun sulute. They are then presented to the family along with the Flag.

I gave him our first bunch of the bags, made in mostly patriotic fabric at the monthly meeting. He said they used 10 bags on a recent Friday so, as you see, sadly, they can use a continuous supply.



July Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. We then welcomed new member, Lonnie Dotson, who retired from the Renton facility. The July birthday members were then recognized -- Jerome Durbin, Ted Leyden, Elfrieda Noble, Robert Osrowske and Mary Ulibarri. There were two July anniversaries present -- Jim Bunt (56 yrs.) and Micki Brown (41 yrs.). An additional July birthday is Ron Hanson, who is our IT expert assisting in the office. Unfortunately he will be moving to Idaho before

too long. Good luck, Ron, we will miss you.

Fran Parker passed around the school supplies donation jar and all were encouraged to help out best they can. The Bluebills support schools in Kent, Renton, Auburn and Federal Way and supplies are in much demand. If you wish to buy the supplies yourself, please note the schools no longer use spiral notebooks.

Oscar Olague thanked the Busy Bs for providing four blankets, 21 medical dolls and 31 caps, which he delivered to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Richard also thanked the Busy Bs and held up a sample of little bags made of patriotic fabric, which will be donated to the Tahoma Cemetery. They are used to place the empty rifle shells in after the three-gun salute and then given to the deceased's family members.

Richard again reminded the members of the picnic which will be held on August 24 at his and Norma's house. See details included with this newsletter.

Bill Baker gave a brief report on the volunteer two-hour project a number of Bluebills were involved in recently for Wellspring Services sorting children's clothing. It is a great, well-organized group with nice people and facility. There will be additional occasions of this nature in the future and they will keep the membership advised.

Jim Beasley then introduced today's speaker, Don Shelton, Executive Editor of The Seattle Times. He has worked there for 31 years, starting his career in 1987 as Assistant Sports Editor. A University of Idaho graduate, Shelton is a career journalist with previous stops at the Yakima Herald-Republic, the (Bellevue) Journal-American and the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat. Shelton was named The Times' sports editor in 2009 (through 2016) leading press cover-



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age and coordinating Huskies, Seahawks and Mariners game-day coverage.

Don is married, a father of three grown sons and grandfather of four children with another on the way. He lives in Bothell.

Don began with stating that current extraordinary events unfolding around us make a vigorous, credible and independent press more important than ever. In an era of fake news, getting things right has never been more critical. And he stressed all the more reason to support The Seattle Times, paper edition and online subscriptions.

The Seattle Times is the Northwest's largest and most credible news source, and its foundation is built on accuracy, fairness and independence, core journalistic principles that are at risk. Their emphasis is on community-based local news, in-depth features and fearless investigative journalism. The Times publishes stories you can't get anywhere else, hold those in power accountable and break real news.

Whether local, national or international, the Seattle Times digs deep into society's most important issues. They cover the region's most critical stories, whether it's Puget Sound's exponential growth and gridlock or the crisis of homelessness. The Times is committed to informing and inspiring, not inflaming. And they do it 24/7 on multiple platforms, engaging readers on seattletimes.com, through social media and, of course, with the print edition.

Yet serious journalism is not free. The only way the Times can continue to pay talented, dedicated reporters, photographers and editors and send journalists to cover stories as they unfold is if readers such as the Bluebills subscribe.

Shelton said his strategy for the newspaper's future is a work in progress, but he expects the core of it will involve further implementation of a "digital now" approach throughout the newsroom. They will continue to put out a great print product, but they'll be making digital their highest priority.

The Times already uses such a digital-first approach in its award-winning sports coverage. That includes short, regular updates to its website and social-media accounts with the latest sports developments to complement other in-depth work, including sports investigations, columns, personality profiles and features.

Don said, "It's about giving readers more information that they can use and to keep them coming back to us for more throughout the day. As they do that, the web traffic goes up and once you get them to our site, they're going to stay there. I think we can create more habitual subscribers."

Before implementing any changes to newspaper and its coverage, Shelton said he plans to meet one on one with employees across the newsroom to help him better understand how each department functions and can be improved.

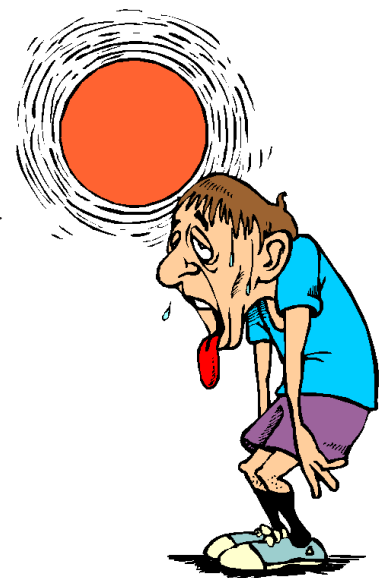
Metro newspapers transitioning to digital formats are still searching for ways to sustain their budgets amid declining print circulation and advertising that bring in the bulk of their revenues.

The Seattle Times, winner of 10 Pulitzer Prizes, continues to be a strong, vibrant media voice in the Northwest, and because of the Blethen family's 121-year local ownership, it remains a rare beacon of independent journalism. To help continue that commitment, the Times relies on the continued support through their subscriptions.

Don concluded his presentation by taking numerous questions and comments from an enthusiastic audience, providing much more valuable information.

Jim presented Don with one of the "History of The Boeing Company" books and Richard concluded the meeting with the door prize drawings.

Stay Cool!



Bluebills' "Fun In The Country" Picnic

Date: August 24, 2018 (Friday)

Time: 10:30 a.m. to ?

(Lunch will begin at noon)

Place: Richard and Norma Vaughn's home

25605 290th Ave. SE

Ravensdale, WA 98051

Bring your favorite potluck dish to share with others.

Suggested categories are: Hot dishes (electricity is available to keep them warm), salads, desserts, side dishes, fresh fruits & veggies

Table service and water and iced tea will be furnished.

Best "Cookies" Contest"

Bring enough of your best competition cookies for judging by attendees.

(Note: This food item should be in addition to your dish for lunch.)

Activities/Games

- Snake Game
- Washer Toss

Please bring lawn chairs for seating!

We hope you will join us for this once a year social event.

We are expecting this to be a wonderful, sunny day that will give us an

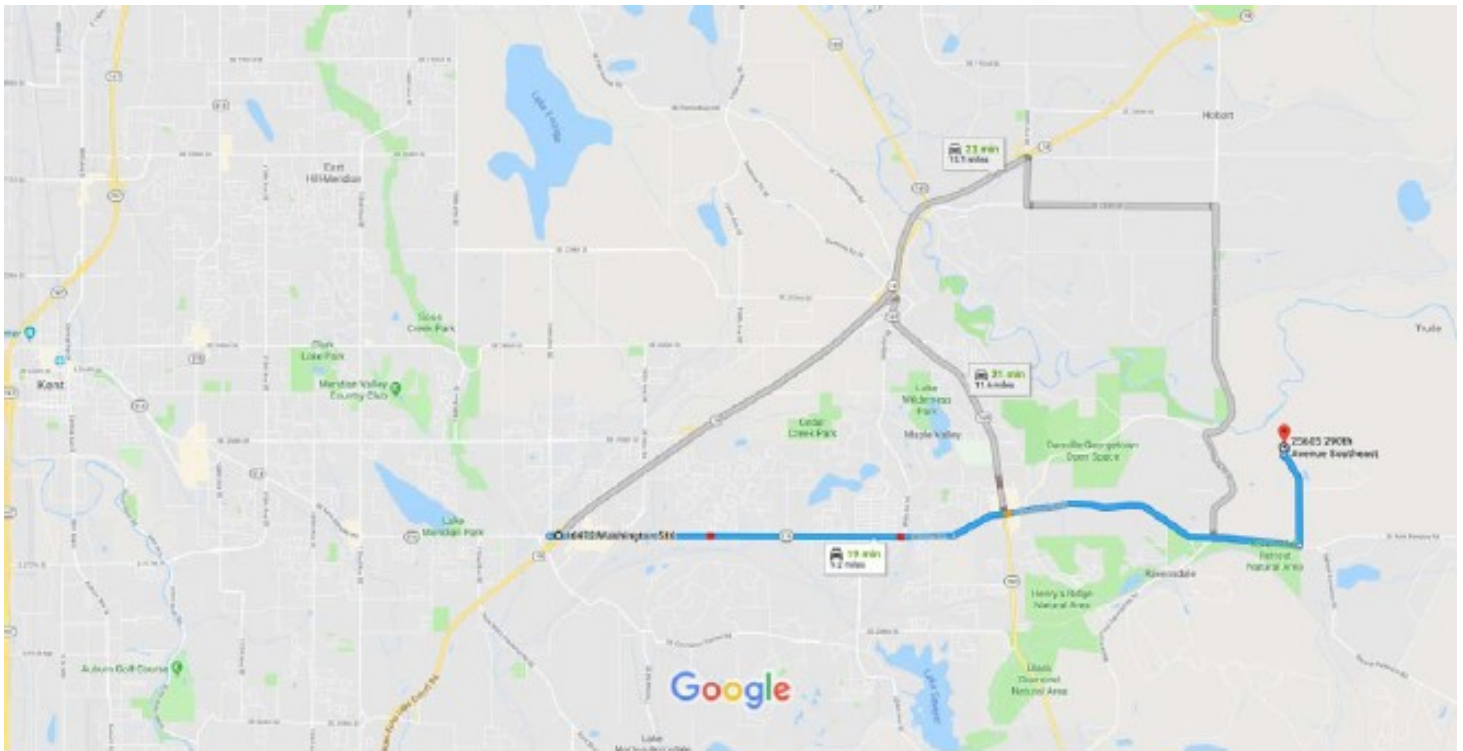
opportunity to visit with fellow Bluebills and have a great time



We look forward to seeing you there!



Map and Directions to Richard & Norma's
25605 290th Ave SE, Ravensdale, WA 98051
Phone: 425-432-7139



- **From Highway 18 N or S** take exit to 272nd St., Kent Kangley Rd. Covington and go (8 miles) East on 272nd St/SR 516/Kent Kangley Rd to 292nd St. Turn left on 292nd St, go (1 mile) to 290th Ave SE, turn Right on 290th Ave SE. Go (440 feet) to 25605 290th Ave SE on Right.
- **From SR 169 N or S** at Kent Kangley Rd, go (4.4 Miles) East on Kent Kangley/SR 516 to 292nd St. SE turn left onto 292nd St go (1 mile) to 290th Ave SE, turn Right on 290th Ave SE, go (440 feet) to 25605 290th Ave SE on Right,

“My Flight on a Stearman Biwing”

by Zip Zuther

HI, this is just a short note about my flight on a Stearman Biwing 2 seater. Our Covenant Shores Residential Life Director Roxanne Hellenen and the Ageless Aviation Dreams Organization to keep retired veterans active after their service days arranged this. We had nine volunteers to fly. The Stearman is beautiful and in excellent condition.

We flew out of Renton Memorial Airport via preflight then took a flight that was approximately 15-20 minutes from Renton to Mt. Rainer area. It was a super nice flight! The passenger got to sit front seat with the pilot in the second seat. The pilot and the ground crew assisted us in getting in and out of the plane. It was a great

feeling to walk without a walker, a big boost for us, the attendants and nurses. They were all pulling for us, just an overall nice attitude. The flight was a winner! The pictures will tell the story. It was a win for me!



BLUEBILLS HERITAGE CHAPTER VOLUNTEER PROJECT

By: Bill Baker

On Friday July 20th a dozen Bluebills gathered at Wellspring Family Services to satisfy a request to sort clothing donated to the Baby Boutique program. Wellspring has a very nice, multifunctional facility that provided an excellent environment for this effort.

The participants were: Pat Archer, Karen and Bill Baker, Jim Bunt, Sharon Hagen, Don Hilt, Leona Hansen, Jim Orchekowsky, Becky Prenovost, Margaret Stone and Norma and Richard Vaughn.

This was a very rewarding task. As we casually examined and tossed the articles into the appropriate bins, you couldn't help but sense the feeling of pride and comfort the youngsters, that have very little, will feel when they put them on.

We have been invited back to Wellspring and I think we should go. No schedule has been set but maybe after the summer rush and before the winter weather in September or October would be a good time. If you are interested please let Karen or myself know and a time that would be best for you at: baker2721@comcast.net or 253-862-3005.



Calendar of Events 2018

Jan 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 23	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 24	Heritage Chapter Picnic
Sep 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct/Nov (TBD)	Chapter Honors Luncheon
Nov 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 21	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

Food Bank Schedule For 2018

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

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

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



August 24, 2018

10:30 AM to ?

Heritage Chapter Picnic

Richard & Norma Vaughn's Home

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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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.

