



# The Heritage

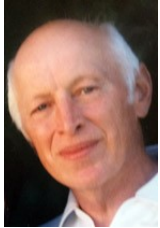
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## Chairman's Comments



*By Richard Vaughn*

The Bluebills Heritage Chapter recently gave a donation of \$102.00 plus some food staples to the Black Diamond Food Bank to assist them in their efforts to provide food to their needy clients. This was money and food collected at the chapter's monthly membership meetings over a period of three months. They were very surprised and appreciative of this donation as they are experiencing a low number of donations and need help. Thank you to every member who makes this possible with their contributions each month.

As a related subject, we are currently revising our list of food banks that we will be supporting and are asking that if a member has a favorite food bank they would like to see on that list please let me know. My phone # is 206-714 -0451. Then you, the nominee, will become the designated deliverer of the month's contributions to the named food bank for the assigned month. There are several months that are not already assigned to a specific food bank so you can select the month you will fulfill this assignment. The donation will need to be taken from or picked up at the VFW immediately following the last Friday of the month meeting.

August has always been the month when the chapter held their annual picnic but that has not been possible the past few years and due to the lack of a chairperson for this year's event and no suitable, free site to hold it we will once again have a pot luck at the VFW on the last Friday of the month, August 25, immediately following the meeting. We will have a speaker for the meeting that starts at 10:00 (social), 10:30 (meeting), and approximately 11:45 (pot luck). See more information in this newsletter for the speaker's name and topic.

The Bluebills Busy B's will hold the drawing for the quilt raffle. If you haven't seen the quilts you have really missed out. There are quilts of various sizes including lap robe and child's sizes and the holder of the winning ticket can select their favorite one to take home. The funds collected go toward expenses incurred by the Busy B's to create these beautiful items. Tickets will still be available that day. \$ 1.00 per ticket and you can buy as many tickets as you like.

Have a great remainder of the summer and we hope to see many of you there on August 25.



## July Meeting Summary

*By: Mary Ulibarri*

Don Hilt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, than asked if there were any July birthday attendees. Howard Syder said his wife had her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 5. I sat there like a dummy and forgot to say that mine was July 20.

Reminder to turn in volunteer hours to [marybarri20@gmail.com](mailto:marybarri20@gmail.com) or Dick Beham at [bbbeditor@live.com](mailto:bbbeditor@live.com).

Richard Vaughn mentioned all three computers in the Bluebills Boeing office are back up and running. Boeing is still working to restore historical information that was lost when they “crashed” a couple of months ago.

He also mentioned taking the members’ donations for a couple of months amounting to a little over \$100 to the Black Diamond Food Bank. They were thrilled and very thankful.

Don called attention to the six displayed quilts for which raffle tickets are being sold in order for the winner to select one at the August meeting.

Next month, in addition to a speaker arranged by Jim Beasley, there will be a potluck afterwards. Looking forward to a big turnout.

The door prize drawing was held and the meeting adjourned.  
loss.

## Busy B's

*By: Melinda Stubbs*

The Busy B's have been very creative making quits - mostly lap size- to raffle off to 3 lucky people on August25, 2024. Two have fleece on one side for extra warmth as fall football & soccer season comes up. Or just sitting in a chair reading a good book on a cool day.

Bring your pot luck dish to share, & donation to the August food bank.

**PURCHASE QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS @\$1.00 EACH,**









Securing today  
and tomorrow

*Submitter by: Micki Brown*

Dear Colleague,

For the past three years, people on Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) were not required to renew their coverage due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. This exception was referred to as the 'continuous enrollment condition'.

The continuous enrollment condition ended, so states have resumed eligibility reviews. To avoid a gap in coverage, people who have Medicaid or CHIP need to take action to renew their coverage.

We ask that you share the following information to help raise awareness about renewing coverage and tell your clients, friends, and family members to:

- Make sure their state has their current mailing address, phone number, email, or other contact information;
- Check the mail for a letter about their Medicaid or CHIP coverage;
- If received, complete and return the renewal form to their state right away to help avoid a gap in coverage; and,

Visit [Medicaid.gov/renewals](https://www.Medicaid.gov/renewals) for more information or their state Medicaid office for help or to update their contact information.

Thank you for sharing this important information and for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Acting Associate Commissioner

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## NEWS THEN, HISTORY NOW

### **A Secret Learned**

On August 6, 1945, a Boeing **B-29** named the *Enola Gay* dropped an atomic bomb over Hiroshima, Japan, killing tens of thousands of people and vaporizing an area of four square miles.

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## Chapter Meeting August 25th Presentation

*By Jim Beasley*

The presenter for our August Heritage Chapter gathering will be Brent Mason from the Foss Waterway Seaport maritime heritage center in Tacoma, WA.



The Foss Waterway Seaport celebrates Tacoma's rich maritime heritage past, present

and future. Located on the waterfront in a century-old wooden wheat warehouse, built for cargo arriving by rail and departing by sail ("where rails met sails") during the early years of Tacoma.

The Foss Waterway Seaport has been an important part of the Puget Sound development for many years and Brent's presentation is one you won't want to miss. So join us on Friday August 25th at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA.

**This is also our Summer Potluck so bring a dish to share following the presentation.**

**SUMMER POTLUCK ~~~ FRIDAY AUGUST 25TH ~~~  
Bring an Item to Share! Potluck to follow presentation...**

Three days later, another B-29 detonated a similar device over Nagasaki, and the residents of Richland in Benton County finally **learned the truth** about what they were producing -- key atom-bomb components, including the plutonium used in the Nagasaki bomb came from Hanford.

Two and a half years earlier, thousands of **Richland** area residents were stunned to receive registered letters informing them of the **condemnation of their homes and farms for undisclosed military purposes**. Most were ordered to evacuate within 30 days so construction could begin on the massive **Hanford Engineer Works**, located on 625 square miles of land along the Columbia River.

In a very short time, tens of thousands of workers built more than 500 structures, including three reactors, chemical-separation buildings, fuel-fabrication facilities, laboratories, offices, and underground high-level waste-storage tanks. They constructed 386 miles of automobile road, 158 miles of railroad, 50 miles of power lines and four substations, and hundreds of miles of fencing. A "government city" was built to house 17,500 people, most of whom had no idea exactly what it was they were building until the bombs fell in Japan, bringing a quick **end to World War II**.

After the war, Richland **continued to boom** as the Cold War heated up. By 1950 the population had mushroomed to almost 22,000, but the federal city was still not independent. It wasn't until 1958 that residents **voted to incorporate** as a first-class city. The community has since diversified into a variety of **other industries**, and the Hanford Site has been designated as part of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, along with other sites in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and Los Alamos, New Mexico.

### When Cities Burned

On August 4, 1889, **a fire broke out** in a wooden building along Railroad Avenue in Spokane. The flames quickly spread to other wooden structures, stoked by rubbish and refuse dumped between buildings. Firefighters had no chance to extinguish the blaze, which grew to engulf the more substantial brick and stone buildings of the business district. By nightfall **the inferno had destroyed 32 square blocks**, virtually the entire downtown.

Spokane was the last in a string of Washington cities to suffer devastating fires that year. The nearby town of **Cheney** had its downtown reduced to rubble on April 18. On June 3, half of the business district of **Republic** went up in flames, three days before much of downtown **Seattle** burned to the ground. And on July 4, 200 homes and 10 business blocks were destroyed in **Ellensburg**.

Spokane rose phoenix-like from the ashes, just as the other cities did following their disasters. In some ways the catastrophes proved beneficial, allowing each city to effectively start over by constructing sturdier and more fire-resistant business districts, strengthening municipal fire departments, and improving water supplies and their delivery systems. Of course, no city is completely safe from fire, but of the ones that rebuilt following the conflagrations of 1889, none have suffered comparable devastation since.

## Fall and Rise

On August 7, 1936, Seattle's flamboyant leftwing Congressman **Marion Zioncheck** leapt to his death from his **Arctic Club** office window, landing directly in front of a car occupied by his wife. Crusading King County Prosecutor **Warren G. Magnuson** was **elected to fill the seat** that fall, and later **ascended to the Senate**.

*HISTORYLINK.ORG HistoryLink.org is the continually evolving online encyclopedia of Washington state history.*

## BITS & PIECES

### WORD TO THE WISE

When observing a women's birthday,  
Make it perfectly clear;  
Your remembering the day,  
You've forgotten the year.

### DOG FIGHT

During a recent long-distance phone conversation with my granddaughter, who lives in Phoenix, AZ, I asked how the weather was.

"It's so hot out here," she replied,  
"that a while ago I saw a couple of  
trees fighting over a dog."



## 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 Potluck</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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**Don't Forget to  
Report Your Hours!**



# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

## August 25, 2023

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



**11:30AM Summer Potluck**



**Speaker: Brent Mason**

**Subject: Foss Waterway Seaport**

*----- Beat the Heat-----*

*Come to the meeting, socialize with other members, enjoy the Presentation & Potluck.*

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

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