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Chairman's Corner

By Howard Syder



Well, Christmas is creeping up on us and it will be here before we know it. By the time this newsletter is published Thanksgiving will be over. I trust everyone had a very Thankful Day.

Our November monthly meeting subject of emergency preparedness has given us all something to think about. Our major possibility of a disaster is an earthquake but we are not limited to that as the Oso landslide showed us and floods and windstorms can give us some problems as we have seen. Incidentally, the speaker that was assisting at the meeting was in the same CERT class as I was last year.

We were saddened to hear that Bob Lambert, our "Father of the Bluebills" had a nasty fall and is recovering in an Issaquah Rehabilitation Center. I know several people have stopped by to see him and others have called or sent cards. I hope everyone got to sign the card at the meeting last week. I understand that he is progressing satisfactorily.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the December meeting on the 19th when we will have our annual Christmas Potluck so bring those delicious dishes to share with everyone. This is my last Chairman's Corner as your 2014 chairman and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I cannot believe it is almost 2015.

Boeing Donates 787 Dreamliner No. 3 to Museum of Flight

from Lonnie Stevenson

The Boeing Company has donated 787 Dreamliner Number 3 to the Museum of Flight. November 15-16, was the delivery to the Museum weekend. Admission was Free for all Boeing employees, retirees and suppliers.



Where else could one see an amazing aircraft up close and personal . . . like touching the skin, kicking the tires, lounging on the engine nacelle, drooling over the first class amenities, peering into the flight deck . . . I love volunteering at the Museum of Flight





Busy Bees

by Janice Hawes

On Veterans Day Jim Beasley delivered the quilts made by the Busy Bee' to the Veterans hospital on Beacon Hill. The

quilts were received with enthusiasm. They knew the Bluebills and the work we have done for the Veterans in the past. It is a huge complex with people coming and going and a new parking facility to ease the traffic.

Way to go Busy Bees!

We have sorted and bagged up a little under a thousand items to be distributed to 5 area food banks. This included almost 700 stuffed animals plus Barbie dolls, baby dolls, and a lot



of crocheted hats and mitten sets. We were all there, Bambi, Lana, Lisa, Jean, Joyce and my-



self. Yoshi was unable to come in but she sent goodies to "keep our strength" up. Richard Vaughn and Jim Lee helped load up our cars and we were off to the various food banks.

That's it for 2014. We'll reconvene in January but

will see you at the Christmas potluck. Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

November Chapter Meeting

By Mary Ulibarri

Chairman Howard Syder called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Three November birthdays were recognized: Judy Leyden, Fran Parker and Janice Hawes. There were no anniversaries among those present.

Howard shared a Thanksgiving card presented by Lois and Roy Barnes and signed by members thanking the current officers and participants in the administration of the Bluebills on behalf of its members. He kindly pointed out these individuals by name. He also mentioned that Bob Lambert had injured himself and was recuperating at the Issaquah Rehab center. He was doing well and appreciates the visits, cards and kind thoughts. Call the Bluebills office if you would like more information. Howard also reminded everyone the ballots for electing new officers for 2015 will be mailed soon.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker Ashley Krepsky. Ashley is the newest member of



Auburn Emergency Management office. She is a Minnesota native who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies from Bethel University, St. Paul, MN. Prior to

her move to Washington, she worked as a Fire and Life Safety Educator for the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association as well as the Minnesota Fire Service Certification Board.

As an AmeriCorps member, her term of service will come to an end on July 31, 2015. During her time here as a Disaster Educator, her primary tasks include attending community events and neighborhood meetings to provide disaster pre-

paredness information, coordination of the Community Organizations Active in Disaster team, and interaction with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Jillian Edge of the Renton Emergency Management office joined the presentation at various times to give views of hazards/disasters preparation and response relative to the Renton area.



With the help of slides, Ashley started with the question: Why prepare? It is important for survival and recovery for every individual to be prepared for a disaster. Relief workers may be on the scene, but not able to reach you immediately. What is a disaster? A disaster is any event that overwhelms local resources and requires the assistance of outside organizations. What is the difference between an emergency and a disaster?

<u>Emergency</u>	<u>Disaster</u>
Dial 9-1-1	No phones
Help within minutes	Help in days
A confined area	Wide spread area
Food & water	No/limited food & water
Functioning utilities	No utilities
Limited number of victims	Many victims Resources overwhelmed

In addition to first responders—firefighters, police, and medical services—an important resource is ...YOU! 95% of victims rescued in an urban disaster, such as an earthquake, are rescued by other victims within the first 24 hours.

What hazards do we have in the Puget Sound Area? Ashley started with floods. These can be the result of heavy rain, dam and levee failures and snowmelt. Floods account for as much as 90% of the damage related to all natural disasters

nationwide. They are the most frequent and costly in terms of human hardship. Most areas of the U.S. are subject to some flooding.

There are natural disasters such as rain, snow, ice and cold, wind and excessive heat, but also deceptive occurrences, for instance, auto accidents, exhaustion and heart attacks, hypothermia and asphyxiation, house fires and collapsed roofs. Many of these may cause power outages or structural fires. In the case of a power outage, never use a generator or barbecue grill for indoor heat.

What to do in an earthquake? First and foremost – drop, cover and hold under a table or desk, avoid corners and doorways, and heavy objects hanging overhead. If you are inside, stay inside. Do not run outside where there may be falling objects. If driving, move away from power lines, bridges and overpasses. Pull over, stop and be ready to walk.

After the earthquake? Be prepared for aftershocks. Only call 9-1-1 for life threatening emergencies. Check the building for structural damage, also damage to electrical, water, or gas lines (turn off if so), also check for chemical and flammable liquid spills.

Another disaster is a landslide that can happen anywhere with steep slopes. The OSO slide is a recent example of this. Many natural elements can trigger a landslide: severe weather, earthquakes, volcanic activity, floods and wildfires. The result is that hillsides liquefy and can flow with speeds from 10 MPH to 35 MPH.

Ashley next called attention to a Puget Sound hazard: Mt. Rainier, an active volcano! Facts: the U.S. is third in the world after Japan and Indonesia in number of active volcanoes. Large explosive eruptions caused by magma pressure building up over time can endanger people and property hundreds of miles away. Hazards include ash, toxic gases, lava flows, landslides, earthquakes and lahars, which are mudflows that come from the volcano. Lahars can carry trees, cars, houses and moves very fast and are very destructive. It may only take 90 minutes to get to Auburn from Mt. Rainier. Walk, don't drive, to high ground – 50 feet of elevation could save your life.

Use caution when handling hazardous material, such as gasoline, chlorine, ammonia, which may pose a risk to life, health, environment and property if leaked. Industry is the primary user, but also found in our homes, cars, at work and recreation.

Other disasters of note are terrorism, avalanches and tsunamis. These may affect transportation, which then impacts local food and supply distribution. A tsunami may result when there is an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption. Hawaii is at greatest risk, but other ocean bordering states (California, Oregon, Washington) are not immune to this disaster. The Puget Sound area is somewhat protected from the ocean action by its geographical shape.

After disaster things won't be normal – banks will be closed, ATMs inoperable, grocery stores will sell out of goods, gas stations won't be able to pump gas. And remember, first responders will be inundated by calls for help. Most people are initially “on their own” dealing with the effects of the disaster.

Be prepared -- make a plan, build a kit, and be informed. Know your neighbors, plan evacuation route, talk with family about this plan, and write down contact information for work, school, medical, out-of-state contacts. Shut off utilities, test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries regularly, restock first aid kit. Become familiar with Emergency Notification Systems and get a NOAA weather radio. Other aids: Code Red -- phone, text, e-mail and mobile app alerts; use Facebook and Twitter if functional. And consider attending classes sponsored by Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

To sum up, the presentation was very informative and a good reminder to be prepared--aware, alert and informed. Ashley and Jillian concluded by offering members a variety of informative handouts. Also here are links to class listings for emergency preparedness classes: City of Auburn: http://www.auburnwa.gov/services/emergency_preparedness/training.htm City of Renton: <http://www.rentonwa.gov/cert/>

Howard then held the door prize drawings and adjourned the meeting wishing one and all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Veterans Day Parade Volunteers

From Lonnie Stevenson

Some pictures of volunteers at the November 8th



Vets Day Parade In Auburn. Who would of thought, that the small village of Auburn, WA would host the 49th Annual Veterans Day parade, the biggest one west of the Mississippi . . .

We had a great day, totally blessed by blinding SUNSHINE...WOW.



About the USO and our troops

From Lonnie Stevenson

Some videos . . when you have time . .to watch . .

"USO VOLUNTEERS – Supporting The Jour-

ney” - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTLMCde-jZA&list=UUT7XEsWeo9V8VNblnZfj2Kw>

Event photo with our Director, Don Leingang and in our digs watch for it . .

"THE JOURNEY" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RHOcmKWQJul&feature=youtu.be> ←...

Give you a clue as to why I am so dedicated to the USO . . . Plan on a long time to watch . . if you are interested . . (many segments)

one of the segments in this group. We, USONW, had direct impact on.

Bring your tissues . . and say ‘thank you for your service’ as well as ‘God bless America’

The Year We Had to Keep Santa’s Secret

Carmen Williams Hampton • New Smyrna Beach, Florida—from Reminisce

My little sister, Martha, and I loved Christmas and Santa Claus, and our parents, “Gobie” and Walter Williams, went to great lengths to keep the magic of the season alive.

Our house was always completely decorated from top to bottom. I remember we always had the tinsel icicles on our tree, and at the end of the season, Mother would carefully take each strand off and wrap them all up for the next year. Nothing was ever wasted at our house.

Because money was always tight each year, we had an early visit from Santa Claus. About a month before Christmas, our nicest dolls, doll beds and table and chair set would disappear. There would always be a note left by Santa explaining that they were being taken to the North Pole for the elves to repair for Christmas.

Sure enough, each year, the furniture would be under the tree with a new coat of paint and new clothes for the dolls. We never doubted for a moment where they had been.

In 1942, we had just moved to Baltimore, Maryland, and because of the war, housing was really scarce. The only place we could find to rent was a large, old Victorian-style house with a full basement, first and second floors and a small apartment in the attic. To handle the expense, Mother had to rent out several rooms on the second floor and in the attic. Since they had to be kept ready to rent, we were not allowed to go into the spare rooms to play.

Of course, when you’re only 6 and 8 years old, you don’t always obey the rules. About a week before Christmas, Martha and I were chasing each other around the house and ran into one of the off-limits rooms. What a surprise! We found newspapers all over the floor and our furniture and dolls being painted and fixed up.

At first, we were afraid to admit that we had gone inside a forbidden room, but we just couldn’t keep this kind of news to ourselves. We excitedly told our mother about what we had found.

Without hesitation, she replied, “Oh, my gosh! Daddy and I have been hearing some strange noises and thought that it was just this old house creaking! I just bet Santa didn’t have time to take your toys with him and has been sneaking back here with his elves and fixing them right here!”

With our eyes as big as saucers, we believed her story completely. Then she said, “But you can’t let anyone know that you found out, or you will spoil his surprise!”

We never told a soul, and early Christmas morning, our mother shook us awake and whispered, “Get up. Santa just took your stuff downstairs, and if you hurry, you can see him!”

Rushing down the stairs, we were just in time to hear the front door shut, the sound of bells jingling, and a loud “Ho! Ho! Ho!”

We ran outside, and there we saw large footprints, sleigh marks and deer tracks in the snow, but Santa was gone.

Back in the house, under the tree as promised, were our refurbished toys and a note from Santa thanking us for keeping his secret.

We told this story over and over to all our friends and believed, until we were much older than usual, in the wonderful story of Santa.



Calendar of Events 2014

- Dec 11** **Heritage Leadership Meeting**
- Dec 19** **Chapter Monthly Meeting**



Food Bank Schedule For 2014

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

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
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Bob Lambert
October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

December 19, 2014

VFW Post 1263
416 Burnett Ave S
Renton, WA

Christmas Potluck

10:00 AM—12 Noon



Speaker: No Speaker this month

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 _____

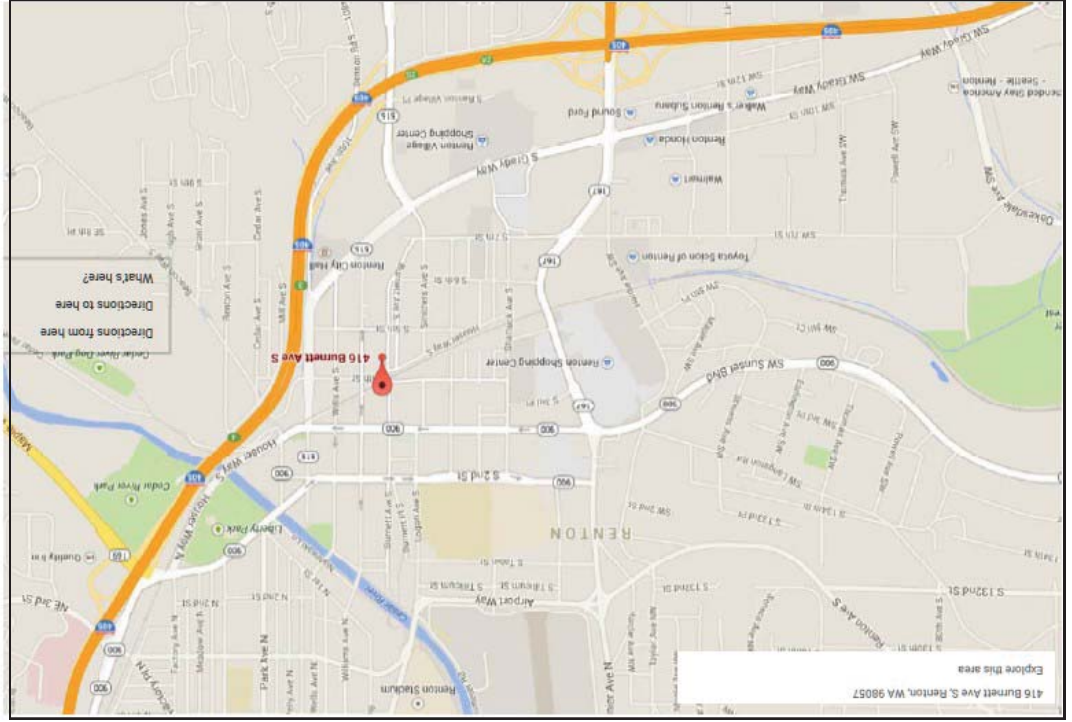
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

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. 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. Continue three blocks to VFW.

