



# The Heritage

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## Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



Since we have our meetings earlier in the month in November and December, we have the opportunity to write our newsletter before the holidays begin.

So I can begin by wishing you all a full happy holiday season. I hope you all get a chance to share Thanksgiving with the people who are important in your life. Whether they are family or friends. Then Thanksgiving dinner will give you the energy to go out and put up your Christmas lights.

Don't forget that our meeting in December, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, is our annual pot luck lunch. We will be enjoying everybody's best cooking.

Our nominating committee (our two Vice-Chairmen) are still looking for any last minute Bluebills who would like to serve as officers next year. If there are no addition candidates we will have last year's officers as our slate of candidates for next year. This would allow us to have a verbal vote at the meeting and save the expense of sending out a mail ballot with only one choice in each officer position.

If anybody would like to serve on the Bluebill Central Committee Board, there are several open positions available to support their efforts.

Next year Boeing will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Museum of Flight will

be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There will be many joint activities and events during the year which will provide an opportunity to get involved and volunteer. Boeing has also started distributing a community newsletter to the local "Reporter" newsletters. Watch for this communication to keep you informed of what's happening.

If you would like to find volunteer activities with active Boeing employees you need to visit the Boeing Volunteer Database. Here are the access steps:

1. Log in to Total Access (you will need your BEMS ID and password).
2. At the top menu – find and click on "Life & Community."
3. Find "Community" category and click on "Community-Giving-Give. "YOU ARE NOW IN THE VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT TOOL
4. To search for projects, select "Search" on the top menu.

Again at the end of this monthly Corner notes I would like to acknowledge a couple of individuals who keep our meetings going. Eleanor Skinner who checks us in at the door at our meetings and manages our donations to food banks. And Mary Ulibarri who generates the meeting notes for our newsletter and inputs volunteer hours into our data base.



## Busy B's

by Janice Hawes



Hi Bluebills,

Sibyl Fletcher is up next in my series about our Busy B members. She worked at Boeing for 23 years, starting in 1989 as a Manpower temporary worker at Plant 2. After a few months, she was hired into the law department and stayed for 12 years, specializing in administration. The final 11 years were spent in BCA information technology, working behind the scenes assisting various executives with presentations, data and regulation compliance.



A year or so after retiring, in 2013, Mary Ulibarri introduced Sibyl to the Busy B's and as she put it, it was "love at first sight".

Sibyl was born and raised near Minneapolis. Her mother was a professional dress designer and seamstress, thus she came to her love of sewing with a "private tutor". She has dabbled in tailoring, embroidery, smocking and crocheting. She said she started sewing her own clothing in junior high, back when fabric was cheaper and before China flooded the market with cheap manufactured garments.

She transplanted to the west coast after attending the University of Oregon.

In 1976, her firstborn child was wrapped in what she

called her first clumsy attempt at quilting. Preparing for this Christmas, she has begun quilts for several of her ten grandchildren.

Some facts about Sibyl: what is her favorite place to shop? Thrift stores, to find that overlooked, soon-to-be treasured piece of fabric. Favorite reading material? Quilting periodicals. Favorite viewing material? Quilting tutorials.

Favorite place to be? She says hers is surrounded by Busy B's, where everyone is happily quilting, of course.

She told me the camaraderie and talent of her fellow Busy B's, along with access to the wealth of donated quilting supplies, added to the opportunity to give back to the community, all combine to make her one happy camper.

Sibyl is an inspiration to all of us with her unique approach to quilting design. She has made some truly beautiful quilts, one of which is our current "raffle quilt". We are so glad she has joined our group.

Carmel Camerini donated 24 pairs of mittens for our Christmas give away. That will warm a lot of little hands. Thanks again Carmel.

## November Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibari



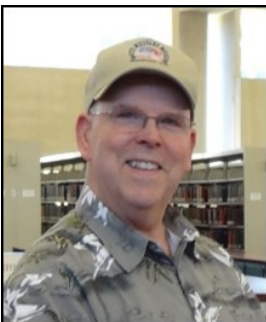
Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed new member Al Anderson. Two November birthdays were acknowledged -- Fran Parker and Janice Hawes. There were no anniversaries among the attendees. It was noted the attendance was down by about half today. We missed all those regular happy faces.

Doug re-iterated the need for new leadership candidates to throw their hats in the ring. As it stands now, if no one steps forward, the current officers will automatically be "sworn in" for another year.

Doug reminded the members that the December 18 meeting is a week early and is a potluck. He then called attention to the lovely quilt being raffled. Tickets will be available again at the December meeting and the lucky winner will be announced before adjournment that day.

Mary stated a large dark brown button was left on the table at the Double Tree following the annual luncheon. Please call the office if it is yours.

Jim Beasley then introduced our speaker Jack R.



Congrove, President of the Seattle Philatelic Exhibition (SEAPEX), a Washington non-profit organization, which sponsors and operates an annual national-level stamp show and philatelic exhibition in the Seattle area.

He graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Chemical Engineering and was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer in the U.S. Army. He retired from the Army after serving 20 years on active duty.

Currently, he is employed by Mantech International Corporation supporting the U.S. Army Electronic Proving Ground at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

In addition to his work with SEAPEX, he is editor of *Biophilately*, the journal of the Biology Study Unit of the American Topical Association and also editor of *The Federated Philatelist*, the

newsletter of the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

Congrove began his presentation by stating the mission of SEAPEX is to educate the public about the use and collection of stamps. He mentioned the annual SEAPEX Exhibition in 2016 is scheduled for September 9-11 and encouraged those interested to attend. Volunteers to help with registration and other similar duties are always welcome.



Due to the large scope of fascinating facts about stamps and collections, Jack chose to focus his presentation on his Alexander Hamilton collection. A very interesting subject and amazing part of U.S. history. While not a president, he was a founding father of our country in every sense of the word and left a rich and worthy legacy.

Alexander Hamilton was born January 11, 1755 or 1757 (the records are not clear on the precise date) on the Caribbean island of Nevis, aka St. Croix. Hamilton was involved in business from an early age. At age 12, he served as an apprentice at the local Counting House, and at age 15, he was put in charge of the business.

Despite a lack of formal schooling during his adolescent years, Hamilton was an intelligent boy. He was an excellent writer and had various articles published. Friends of his family were impressed by his writing, and paid for his formal schooling. The local merchant

**SEAPEX 2016**  
 Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Boeing Aircraft (1916-2016)

**Volunteers Needed:**

- Presentations
- Reception Desk
- Youth & Educators Activities

and minister encouraged Hamilton to move to New York City and he soon entered King’s College there, earning a bachelor’s degree in 1774 – in one year!

Hamilton gained political prominence later that year when he traveled to Boston to show his support for the colonies. While there, he delivered a powerful speech denouncing British policies and wrote two pamphlets attacking a clergyman’s opposition to the Continental Congress.

During the American Revolution, Hamilton was commissioned captain of an artillery company. His military tactics won his widespread praise and earned him a reputation for decisiveness and bravery. He was soon introduced to Gen. George Washington who appointed him to his personal staff with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He became Washington’s personal secretary and gathered pivotal intelligence at the Battle of Monmouth in 1778. During that time, Hamilton’s leadership and spirit helped rally retreating troops who promptly routed the British.

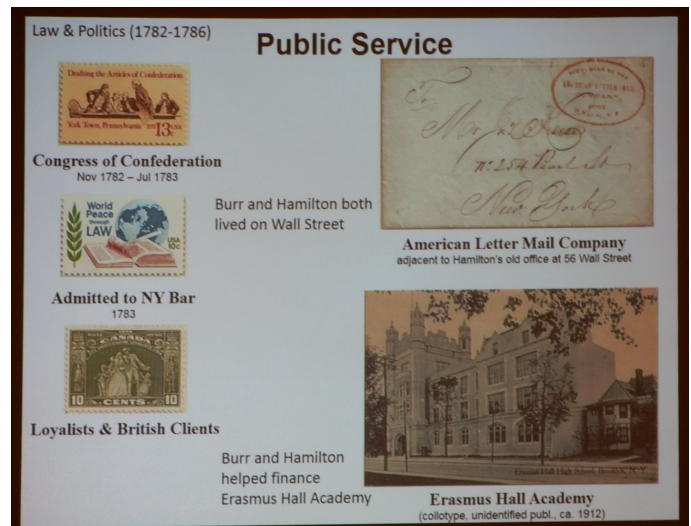
Alexander Hamilton married Elizabeth Schuyler in 1780 and eventually had eight children. In 1783, Hamilton was admitted to the NY State Bar after studying for three years. He soon opened his own law practice on Wall Street in New York City. He also served in Congress from 1782 to 1783, was elected to the Continental Congress, and founded the Bank of New York in 1784.

Although Hamilton supported a Parliamentary-type government, he is most famous for his works regarding the U.S. Constitution and The Federalist Papers. He was a staunch supporter of the Constitution and helped in its creation and execution. He was also the primary author of the Federalist Papers, a classic commentary on principals of government and American constitutional law.

When George Washington was elected president, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the United States’ first Secretary of the Treasury. Hamilton is credited with the establishment of America’s financial system, and took great care in establishing America’s credit at home and abroad. His opinions concerning the structure and function of the national bank were groundbreaking and are still the inspiration behind the English and German economic systems. Hamilton also estab-

lished an American philosophy on foreign policy, and influenced George Washington to assert a position of neutrality regarding the French Revolution.

Hamilton resigned from the Treasury in 1795, but remained one of Washington’s most trusted advisors. After returning to his New York law practice and serving in the military for two more years, Hamilton’s Federalist party became divided. Hamilton disagreed with many of the policies implemented by President John Adams, and sought to control members of Adams’ cabinet and his policy. He wrote a seething letter denouncing Adams that was intended for private circulation. Vice President Aaron Burr, however, published the letter,



which was distributed to the public. Burr’s actions stirred great anger in Hamilton, who promptly short-circuited Burr’s political aspirations for president and governor. Hamilton persuaded the



House of Representatives that Burr was untrustworthy, and urged them to vote for Thomas Jefferson. He did the same when Burr lost the election for governor of New York.

Aaron Burr had finally had enough with Hamilton after this failure in New York. Burr challenged him to a duel on July 11, 1804. It is believed that Hamilton fired first and probably honored his pre-duel pledge to throw away his shot. However, his unorthodox manner of firing up instead of into the ground gave Burr the justification to take aim and shoot Hamilton. The bullet struck Hamilton in the abdomen, did significant damage to his internal organs, lodging near his spine. He died from his wounds the next day.

Alexander Hamilton will always be remembered as one of America's greatest economic minds. He is immortalized on the United States ten dollar bill.

During the question and answer period, Jack added the following bit of information.

The Post Office Department issued its first postage stamps on July 1, 1847. Previously, letters were taken to a Post Office, where the postmaster would note the postage in the upper right corner. Postage would then be collected from the recipient upon delivery.

The two stamps first issued in 1847 were: one priced at five cents, which depicted Benjamin Franklin. The other, a ten-cent stamp, pictured George Washington. Only Franklin and Washington appeared on stamps until 1856, when a five-cent stamp honoring Thomas Jefferson was issued. A two-cent Andrew Jackson stamp was added in 1863. George Washington has appeared on more U.S. postage stamps than any other person.

Doug wished the members Happy Thanksgiving and closed the meeting with the door prize drawing.

## **November... the month we honor our military veterans who gave so much for the freedom as we know it today.**

**Saturday November 07** - the USO was present at the Auburn Veterans Day parade, which is the largest Veterans' Day parade west of the Mississippi. Big Blue, one of our mobile rigs, was there along with USO volunteers which always include some of our Bluebills including Doug Hoople who marched with his VFW post, then hiked back to the USO Mobile and marches the parade route again, with the USO compatriots. Millard and Martha Battles were there in the crowd, giving out scrolls of patriotism.



On **Wed. Nov. 11**, the real Veterans Day, I had the honor of participating in the Wesley Homes Lea Hill Auburn, tribute to veterans. **This year's theme was USO!** On the program, a dance troupe from Auburn in current and 1940's attire, a magnificent choir to sing patriotic songs, an Honor Flight video



presentation taken by a resident veteran who had been on the May 2015 Honor Flight.. Photos, Flags, quilts of valor, uniforms, letters, lots of memorabilia, were displayed on the tables. I'm guessing at least 100 residents were present. In addition to cookies and punch, SPAM cubes on a tooth pick were served. YUM! I remember my mom serving spam on occasion back in my long ago childhood. I actually loved the taste of it, a truly great experience. Thanks to Millard and Martha Battles.

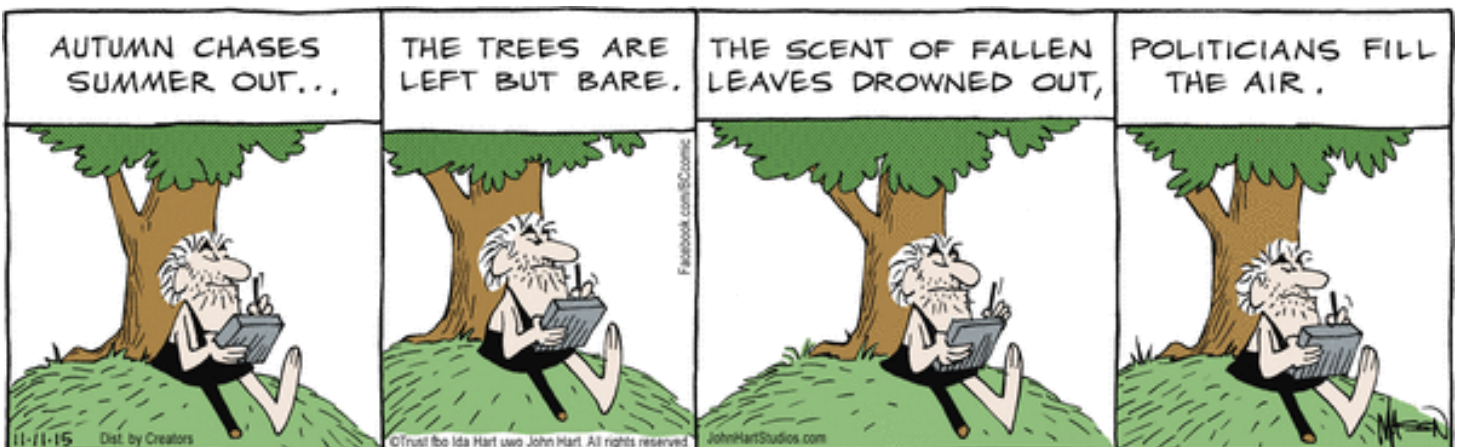


**I believe there must be resurgence in honoring vets.**

This last week I visited my neighbor, who just moved to a retirement community in Bonney Lake. Her husband was a navy fighter pilot in WWII. There in the lobby, in full view of the dining room, or any one walking on their way to anywhere in the building was a patriot wall with 8 x 10 photos of all residents who are veterans . WOW!

*Lonnie Stevenson*

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## Boeing Turns 100 in July 2016

“ There isn’t much to that machine ... I think we could build a better one.”

—William Boeing, after his first airplane ride

[www.boeing.com/boeing100](http://www.boeing.com/boeing100)

- Share your Boeing story
- View historical videos
- Take a virtual tour of Above & Beyond exhibit (@ Museum of Flight May-Sept '16)
- Explore Boeing Centennial educational resources for mentors/volunteers

The first 100 years

## How can you get involved?

- Share your stories on Boeing 100 website
- Volunteer to lead Boeing-inspired design challenges with community groups (or at home!)
- Bring friends and family to the Above & Beyond exhibit at Museum of Flight next summer
- Stay tuned for announcements @ future Bluebills meetings about Centennial events in Puget Sound

**Calendar of Events 2015**

**Dec 10**      **Heritage Leadership Meeting**  
**Dec 18**      **Chapter Monthly Meeting**  
**“Christmas Potluck”**



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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.

<b>December</b>	<b>Des Moines</b>	<b>Open</b>
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	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Open
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner

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<i>(Open)</i>	<b>Special Projects</b>



# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

**December 18, 2015**

**10:00 AM Social—10:30 AM**

**“Christmas Potluck”**

*Bring your favorite Holiday Dish to Share!*



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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hours worked** \_\_\_\_\_ **For** \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/year) (agency name)

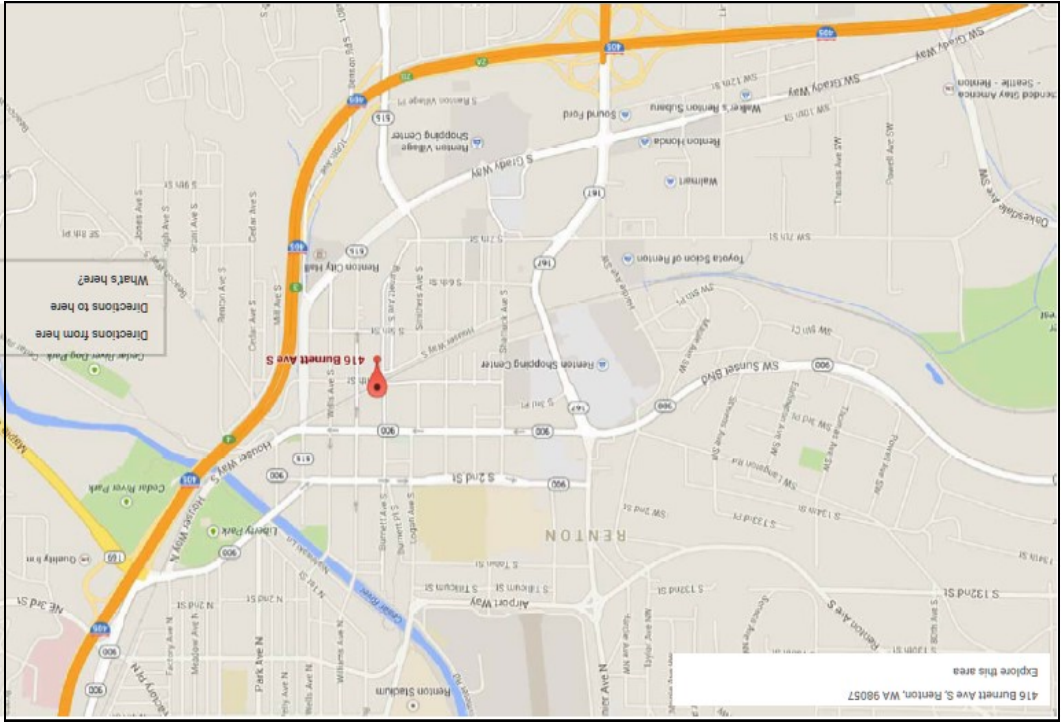
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124  
Email to [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting



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.



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