



# The Heritage

Heritage Chapter Bluebills  
Boeing Retiree Volunteer Newsletter

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## Chairman's Corner

By Jim Orchekowsky



We are at the yearend and need to have Bluebills step up to further make the Heritage Chapter a fantastic Volunteer group. Besides being a member in name only--be active!! Here are some open positions:

Volunteer Coordinator  
Retiree Assistance  
Education



We need to have some names to fill the following:

Heritage Chairman  
Two Vice Chairman positions

This only takes a few hours a month so submit your name to any officer who will be happy to provide an explanation of that position. Have fun with us.

**BE THE VOLUNTEER YOU WANT BLUEBILLS TO BE.**

The December 15 meeting will be a potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Feel free to wear your favorite Holiday sweater. And don't forget your non-perishable donation for the Food bank or drop some cash into the donation jar. Thank you all.

Also bring your record of volunteer hours--show Boeing how the Bluebills contribute to the community.

Time to shake things up – be an active Bluebill. You'll enjoy it.

## **HERITAGE CHAPTER CHRISTMAS POTLUCK – DECEMBER 15, 2017**

The Heritage Chapter's annual Christmas potluck will take place at our monthly meeting on December 15, 2017, at the VFW in Renton, WA. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. and have plenty of social time before we start eating about 11:30 a.m. If you have not been able to attend a meeting for a while this will be a perfect opportunity for you to join in and reconnect with your fellow Bluebills. If you have been a regular attendee at the meetings during the year it is still a good time to relax and enjoy the fellowship. In this busy time of the season we can all use a little relief from the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. Since this a potluck it is also a great opportunity for you to show off your special cooking and/or entertaining skills. Please bring enough food to share with others.



**SEE YOU THERE!**

## Busy B's



by Janice Hawes

November is always a busy month for us as we start winding down our year of quilt making and collecting items for the food banks. We will sort and bag up everything on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving and deliver them to the Renton, Maple Valley, Federal Way, Kent, and Des Moines Food Banks.



In early November we were able to give to the American Red Cross 40 assorted sized quilts, thanks to the efforts of Jim Beasley who contacted Barbara Raabe of the local unit of the

Red Cross.

When she picked them up (on a very Rainy day) she took pictures and put them on their Red Cross Facebook page. If you would like to see them just Google American Red Cross Northwest Region and you should be able to click on the site showing the pictures and information where they came from. I'm also posting pictures here as you see. Barbara told us that they carry in their cars things like quilts, blankets, shoes and anything for immediate help to families that have had to leave their burning homes in a hurry.



One of our favorite Bluebills, Becky Prenovost, has been providing us with stuffed animals for years now and this month she outdid herself by sending by way of Bambi and Jim Lee, about 8 bags full of the stuffies. She does this a couple of times a year and without her we would have a hard time collecting that many stuffed animals to give to the food banks. Thank you so much Becky!

Another thanks goes to Linda Stevens who has been

making the medical dolls for Seattle Children's Hospital for a while now. She is a very busy lady who does a lot of volunteer work but in her "spare" time, makes the 20 dolls we give to the hospital each month. Another busy, Busy B, is Lisa Nyreen who makes the gowns for the dolls. There are no two alike and she even embroidery's cute patterns on some of them. When she had hip replacement surgery a few months ago she made a 3 months supply of the gowns so we would have plenty!

Florence Studer brought in a lap robe and some



crocheted hats recently. We have lots of yarn now if anyone wants to help her crochet items for us.

This is the quilt that we are raffling off and **the wining ticket will be drawn at the December potluck**. The proceeds will go, as usual to buy more supplies to make more quilts. The quilt was made by Joyce Hassler and the pattern of the quilt, made out of Christmas fabric is called a crazy quilt

We will be taking our yearly break until later in January, when we come back ready to start all over again. We would love to have anyone join us in our quilt making. We have everything needed, sewing machines and fabric and help from all of us in how to make quilts. We still meet two days a week, 3 weeks out of the month, Tuesdays from 10 to 1:00 and Thursdays from 9 to 12:00.

**Question:** *When is a retiree's bedtime?*

**Answer:** *Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.*

Merry Christmas to all of you and our best wishes for a Happy New Year!

## Possible Bluebills Heritage Chapter Drivers' Pool

Recently I had a medical appointment that required me to have a designated driver as I received an anaesthetic. Since my wife can no longer drive I was needing a driver. One of our Bluebills, Meri England graciously offered to drive for me. It worked out perfectly.

This lead to me thinking it might be a good idea if the Bluebills Heritage Chapter had a pool of drivers who were willing to offer this service to those Bluebills who had need of a driver for medical or other appointments.

I would be willing to set up a program for Heritage Chapter if there is enough interest from our members. Nothing has been set up yet but I would like to hear from anyone who is interested in participating so I can determine how we can make a start.

Please contact Howard Syder if you have an interest. My email is [handjsyder@comcast.net](mailto:handjsyder@comcast.net)



## USO Happenings

By Lonnie Stevenson

September's Puget Sound Honor Flights sent 24 WWII vets, 29 Korean War vets, and 1 Vietnam vet; October's PSHF sent 18 WWII vets, 35 Korean War vets and 1 Vietnam vet to—WA DC to visit all the memorials. Our USO Northwest SeaTac Center always supports this event. What an honor to be a part of this event, to mingle with these heroes, to listen to their stories, We send them out on Saturday morning and greet them with a big homecoming on Monday night. Alaska Airlines is the host carrier. They now have an aircraft especially painted for these occasions .

Check out this link for the story about the aircraft . <https://newsroom.alaskaair.com/2016-10-26-Alaska-Airlines-s...>



Saturday November 18 was the Five-Star Gala 'Force Behind the Forces' to support our troops. A great time was had by all. Members of our military were honored.

Monday November 20 the ribbon cutting and the dedication ceremony for the new 'Camp Lewis' USO on Ft Lewis took place.

## November Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Chairman Jim led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were three attendees with November birthdays—Janice Hawes, Oscar Olague and Fran Parker and one anniversary—Donna Vincent/Ted Osborne.



Norma Vaughn provided a list of Boeing's Spirit of the Holiday Drives running through December 4<sup>th</sup>. 100% of the donations will provide holiday cheer to their clientele. See the list at the end

of this article if you want to contact them directly.

Oscar Olague thanked the Busy Bs for again providing blankets and medical dolls for Children's Hospital. And speaking of the Busy Bs, Janice Hawes mentioned raffle tickets are still being sold for the hand-made quilt. The drawing will take place at the December pot-luck meeting.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker, Carolyn Fix Blount, genealogist. Carolyn grew up in Kapowsin,



southeast Pierce County. In addition to being active in 4-H, she was valedictorian of her high school class. She graduated from the University of Washington in Home Economics and taught in Puyallup and Mercer Island High Schools, married and had three children while living in Spokane and Minnesota. She now has seven grandchildren.

She earned her Master's in textile science and began a 33-year teaching career at Shoreline Community College. She also earned sabbaticals teaching in Ghana, Manchester England, and on the island of St. Lucia. She was active in the International Federal of Home Economics, setting up projects for women and children in developing countries around the world.

Carolyn always had a high interest in family history, which evolved into an addictive interest in genealogy. Both her mother's and father's families were well photographed, and she inherited several albums with unidentified photos, so with her interest in costume, she delved into the history of photography to aid in identifying the people in the old photos. She completed her Doctoral degree in 1982, and began regularly volunteering at the Fiske Library where she has been a regular volunteer, secretary and archivist for 35 years. She taught at Seattle Pacific University for four years following her retirement from Shoreline College in 1999, and has lectured at genealogical societies around Puget Sound. Two years ago she published a 710-page book on her mother's father's family, the Wards who came to Washington in 1853.

With the help of a visual presentation, Carolyn provided a fascinating display of her family dating back to the 1800s pointing out details such as clothing and hairstyles to help identify the relevant time periods. She provided a handout coinciding with her photos describing in detail the progression of photography, which helped establish time frames. It also gave tips and references on how to begin one's search for personal genealogy records.

Before proceeding with the door prize drawing, Jim thanked Ellie Skinner for her continued presence at the sign-in table and her food bank support, and Mary Ulibarri for the door prize drawing gift wrapping.

### **Military Families in Need**

**Pierce County:** Goodwill Operation Good-Jobs helps military and veteran families to achieve job placement, retention and long-term financial stability.

### **Low-Income Families**

**East King County:** Hopelink works to end poverty in the community through programs that provide stability and the skills and knowledge needed to exit poverty.

**King County:** YWCA works to eliminate racism, empower women and stand up for social justice, help families and strengthen communities.

**Pierce County:** Mercy Housing creates stable, vibrant and healthy communities by providing affordable, service-enriched housing.

**Snohomish County:** Housing Hope is relentlessly focused on breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness through three innovative areas – homes, jobs and children.

### **Foster Youth**

**Pierce, King, Snohomish Counties:** Tree-house provides youth in foster care in Washington with academic and other essential support they need to graduate from high school and pursue their dreams.

### **Seniors**

**King County:** Sound Generations connects seniors and those who care about them to whatever

they need to remain safe, active and healthy.

**Pierce County:** Lutheran Community Services brings health, justice and hope to the community and works with seniors to improve their lives and care.

**Snohomish County:** Homage Senior Services promotes independence, preserves dignity and enhances the quality of life for older adults.

## Volunteer of the Year Award Luncheon

*By Mary Ulibarri*



Once again the annual recognition luncheon was a successful gathering of nearly 100 Bluebills at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton at Southcenter. As usual, the food was delicious and the staff very efficient and friendly.

Vice Chairman Don Hilt emceed the event and Richard Vaughn announced that this year all of the Bluebill volunteers were recognized for the many hours spent at numerous agencies in the Puget Sound area. And also included the many members who contribute their time and resources right in their homes, e.g., Busy Bs.

And once again Karen Baker provided the lovely floral centerpieces that were given to one lucky winner at each

table. The Memphis Belles, a duo of two very talented young ladies, provided the entertainment. They sang a variety of classics from the “good old days” and their wonderful harmony matched their lovely personalities. They concluded their set with a beautiful rendition of “God Bless America,” which was obvious it touched a lot of hearts.

Here’s a great big thank you to all the folks who spend a lot of time making the occasion a success year after year.

**Well done!**



**Calendar of Events 2017**

Jan 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 25	Heritage Chapter Picnic
Sep 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 1	Chapter Honors Luncheon
Nov 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 17	Chapter Monthly Meeting
<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>Heritage Leadership Meeting</b>
<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)</b>

**Food Bank Schedule For 2017**

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 & Bambi Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma T	ed & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
<b>December</b>	<b>Des Moines</b>	<b>Jim Orchekowsky</b>

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# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



**December 15, 2017**

**Heritage Chapter's Annual Christmas  
Potluck**

**10:00 AM Social—11:30 Potluck**

*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)

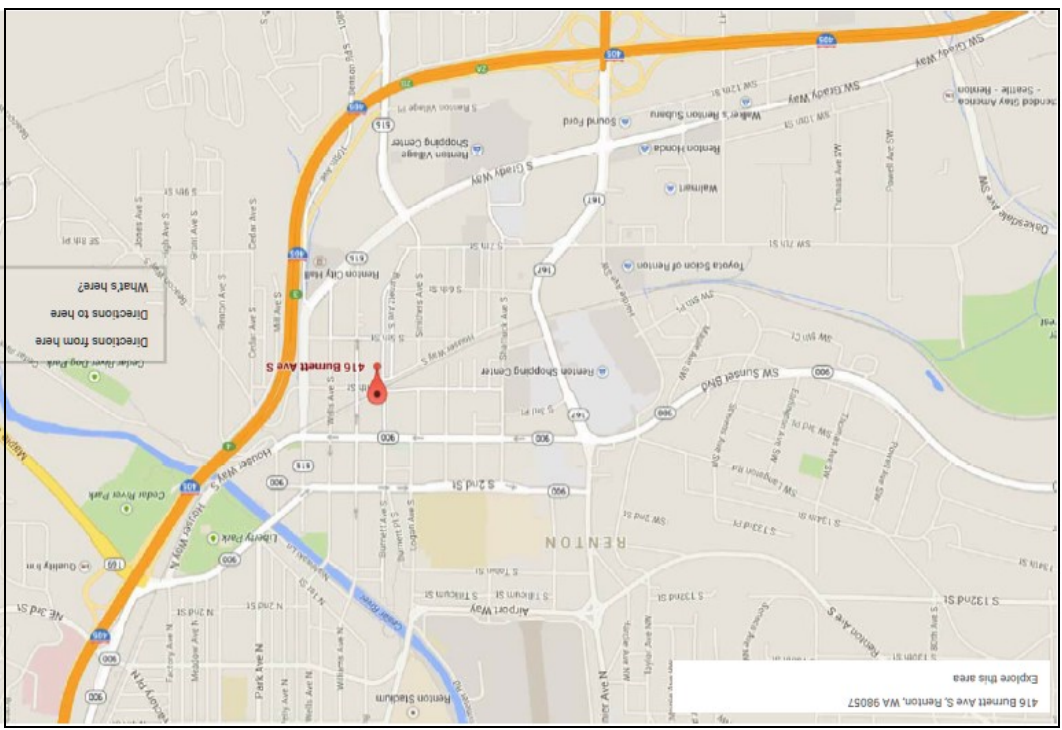
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124  
Email to [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting



**Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting Directions**



From the **north** take 405 S Bronson Way. Keep right to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N and continue on S 2nd St. Turn left on Williams Ave S. Turn left onto Williams Ave S and turn right onto 5th St 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.

