



The Heritage

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Chairman's Corner

By Richard Vaughn



My wife and I attended the 3rd Annual Boeing Retiree Luncheon at the Museum of Flight on November 26 that featured Boeing VP Randy Tinseth as the speaker. Mr. Tinseth made a wonderful presentation of the growth of the airplane industry from 1988 to the present and a short outlook of the future. Three hundred fifty retirees attended with more retirees unable to get tickets. Thank you to Boeing for a great luncheon and presentation. The Company also announced that the \$10.00 donation for the luncheon would be given to Tree House, an agency that supports the homeless youth of the area.

We have a real need for our members or retirees who would like become members of Bluebills to answer our call for their help. The Heritage Chapter is facing a new year without a chairman and vice-chairmen. These three open positions are vital to the survival of the chapter. Elections are held every year in the fall and as of today not one Bluebill has said "I will help". As you all know, we have been asking for several months for volunteers to lead the chapter next year. It is now the last month of the year and there are no candidates and the present officers will not be available to continue in their positions. What do you want to happen to this organization that was formed in 1994 and has done so much for not only the retirees and their families but for the entire community for all these years? Remember that volunteers are much healthier, happier and feel the satisfaction of knowing they have done their part to help those in need and for their fellow retirees and their families.

Now that the above subject has been covered once more it would be wonderful if our most recent retirees, say within the last five years or so, would take active roles in the operations of the chapter. They have updated training and ideas that would be beneficial for Bluebills to apply to the calls for help we receive today. You know, as for me who retired in 1993, that I am outdated but I am still trying to help those in need.

Heritage held their annual luncheon Friday, Nov. 30, at the monthly meeting. It was different from our usual recognition events due to budget restraints but it was better than nothing and was very nice. Attendees were served pizza, salad and cookies and everyone liked the social involvement rather than being separated at tables. Bob Lambert told an interesting story of his childhood in Utah, his marriage to Chloe, and his many years of service in the United States Air Force.

We have a potluck luncheon coming up on December 21 at our last meeting for 2018. Millard Battles will share pictures and the story of his and Martha's recent trip to Africa, including a safari they went on. Add this to your calendars.

I wish all of you a Happy Holiday.



Busy B's

from Janice Hawes



On Tuesday November 27th we had our sorting and bagging of all the stuffed animals, toys, and crocheted items we have collected all year. After they were all bagged and labeled, our helpful "elves" took them to the 5 area food banks, Renton, Kent, Maple Valley, Federal Way and Des Moines. Oscar will be taking the medical dolls and quilts to Children's Hospital as usual and this time the dolls hospital gowns are made out of Christmas fabric as are the quilts.

Lisa Nyreen makes all the gowns to go on the dolls



made by Linda Stephens and we are so lucky to have these ladies faithfully make them each month. Lana Mitsules quietly works on beautiful unique quilts and Sibyl Fletcher can be counted on to make lovely original quilts. Lisa always comes to the meetings loaded down with lovely quilts she has "whipped" out at home'

Well, we are ready to take a little break and will be back at work on January 17th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Busy B's.



Speaker for December

By: Jim Beasley

Millard Battles will share pictures and the story of his and Martha's recent trip to Africa,

Celebration of Life

Chloe Lambert 1929-2018

On Saturday November 17, there was a gathering at the Home of Bob Lambert to share in his tribute to his wife Chloe.



Notes from Mike Monroe, Bob's nephew:

'The family members that were there were my parents, Tim and Joanne Monroe, my brothers Eric Monroe and Jim Monroe and his wife Deb Monroe and my sister, Mary Froment. Jim and Debs daughters were there as well.'



Many Bluebills attended as well as friends and neighbors.

The person who spoke at Chloe's service is Susan Dean, an episcopal minister. Her husband worked for Bob Lambert in Hawaii (from US Air Force days) and they presently live on Mercer Island now. Her ministry is called the Underhill House on Capitol Hill in Seattle.

Much good food, camaraderie, stories did abound.



November Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Richard began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two new attendees – Kurt and Audrey Link. November birthday attendees were Oscar Olague, Fran Parker, Judy Leyden, Janice Hawes and Helen Lowe. There were no November anniversaries.

Richard made a few comments about The Boeing Company retiree luncheon (350 attendees) on November 26 at the Museum of Flight. The speakers shared a lot of current information and future plans for the Commercial Airplane division. No politics.

Heinz Gehlhaar announced a volunteer opportunity on behalf of The Salvation Army's 2018 Toy & Joy event on December 19 and 20 at the Century Link Event Center. On Wednesday, volunteers will help with setting up tables, sorting inventory and decorating. And on Thursday duties will include table monitoring and chaperoning clients with their shopping. A fun and rewarding adventure. Contact: Lisa Borders, Director of Corporate Engagement at 206-217-1267 or lisa.borders@usw.salvationarmy.org.

Richard reported the last meeting of the Heritage Council this year will be Thursday, December 13. And again stressed the need for new officers for both the Heritage and Central Chapters. He encouraged members to step up for the new term.

He pointed out the Boeing funded pizza and salad luncheon occurring at the end of the meeting was an acknowledgement of the many volunteer hours spent by each and every Bluebill. Folks are encouraged to turn in their hours for the year by mid-January.

Oscar thanked the Busy Bs for once again donating 20 medical dolls and 13 quilts to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. And Janice turned around and thanked Oscar for his continuing service of delivering these items throughout the year. Richard also mentioned the thank you letter received from the

Veterans for all the quilts donated to them.

Jim Beasley then took the mic to pass along to this month's speaker who really needed no introduction – the one and only Robert E. (Bob) Lambert, Colonel, United States Air Force (Ret) and an original founder of the Boeing Retiree Volunteer Program – the BLUE-BILLS.

Bob started by thanking the group for allowing him to speak and said he was very honored. He started by telling us he was born in Salt Lake City, Utah. And spoke highly of his grandmother who was an original pioneer, one of the last of the folks who traveled across county in ox carts. She was tough as nails and he learned a lot from her.



Bob says both his grandfathers were Judges and at one time he was expected to become a lawyer. Bob's interest was more along the lines of military service and left school at one point in 1945. However, he was too young for the military, so returned to school in order to play football. Then officially graduated after that year. He joined the air force and was standing at the train station ready to leave, when President Truman cancelled the draft and he was told to go home.

In 1950 Bob signed up for graduate officer school and also got married to his lifelong sweetheart, Chloe. He was 23 and she was almost 22. He finished his advanced training and was sent off to Korea, assigned to Central Intelligence, which amounted to listening to all types of communication, including the enemy. Bob spoke very highly of the Korean people – they were good, kind, wonderful people.

Bob also served four years in Europe and five years as combat support in Vietnam. All together he and Chloe moved 59 times, including many wonderful assignments. She enjoyed the numerous locations as much as he did.

After the service, Bob worked for Goodyear in Phoenix, Arizona. His boss was not only a great leader, but displayed his personal interest in his employees. Bob remembers there were times the two of them would go fishing and camping along the Colorado River and discuss personal matters as well as company ones. They formed a strong bond at these times.

Bob and Chloe visited the Pacific NW and she said she didn't want to leave, so they moved in 1954 and Bob joined The Boeing Company. Eventually, Bob joined forces with Frank Shrontz who had a dream and was looking to start a national volunteer organization. This led to teaming up with United Way and the recruitment of Boeing retirees in order to start the Bluebills.

Where did the name Bluebills come from? The Bluebill was the original name of the first airplane Bill Boeing built in 1915. While there are many retiree organizations working throughout Boeing's vast domain, the Bluebills are those who are grouped in Western Washington. Bob, one of the founding members, wrote a history of the Bluebills name, a fascinating story of the Bluebill painting, and the chain of circumstances that allowed it to be painted. The story involves the artist, Phil Janney, and the WWII Boeing B-17 'Flying Fortress' bomber called the 'Patsy Ann III' in which he was a crew member. To read the full story go to www.bluebills.org.

Bob could have continued with more wonderful stories of his experiences, but the pizza and salad were delivered, so he finished up by again thanking the attendees for allowing him to share his experiences. He had encouraging words for all members to keep up all the good work each and every one does on behalf of the Bluebills and Boeing.



Richard conducted the door prize drawing while the attendees lined up at the buffet table.

A big thanks to the Vaughns and Bakers and the others who made all the arrangements for the luncheon (Smoking Monkey Pizza restaurant, Renton), as well as the setting up and cleaning afterwards.]

See you at the December potluck meeting.
Happy Holidays.

Volunteers needed for "Toy & Joy"



The Salvation Army's annual **"Toy & Joy"** Christmas event will be at the **CenturyLink Events Center**.

1,000+ families will participate in this toy shopping experience.

To make this happen, the Salvation Army will need lots of volunteers!

Here is the schedule:

Wednesday, Dec 19th - Set-Up Day

A day where the Salvation Army gets creative and builds a holiday *Toy Store at CenturyLink*. Lots of sorting and inventorying of toys.

Shifts:

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Thursday, Dec 20th - Day of Distribution

This is the day where "elf"-volunteers are paired with a client to be their personal shopper and help pick out toys for their children for Christmas.

Shifts

8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The later shifts are already filled.

If you'd like to volunteer, please click to register: <https://volunteer.usawest.org/OpportunityDetail.aspx?ID=2720>

Location: CenturyLink Field Event Center, 800 Occidental Ave South, Seattle WA, 98134

Parking: Free in the CenturyLink Event Center Garage

The Salvation Army will feed their volunteers breakfast, lunch and snacks!

If you have any questions please email or call Lisa Borders lisa.borders@usw.salvationarmy.org O: 206.217.1267 I C: 206.459.6351

Calendar of Events 2018

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| 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 |
| Nov 15 | Heritage Leadership Meeting |
| Nov 30 | Chapter Monthly Meeting & Honors Luncheon |
| 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.

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| January | Highline | Heinz Gehlhaar |
| 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 | Heinz Gehlhaar |
| August | Tacoma | Ted & Judy Leyden |
| September | Renton | Eleanor Skinner |
| October | White Center | Heinz Gehlhaar |
| November | Issaquah | Eleanor Skinner |
| December | Des Moines | Lonnie Stevenson |

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



December 21, 2018

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

11:30AM Holiday Potluck

Speaker: Millard Battles

Subject: "Travels in Africa"



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 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.

