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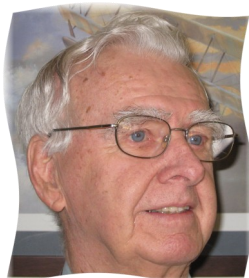
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Chairman's Corner



As your new Chapter Chairman, this is my first article for the coming year, and I ask you to join me in welcoming your new Vice Chairmen Helen Lowe, Ben Sakamoto, and Bob Stubbs. With everyone's cooperation, help and support, I'm

confident we will have a smooth transition from last year. Please know, we all hope to make your Heritage Chapter the best it can be. I also want to acknowledge and thank Howard Snyder for all his work and dedication as last year's Chairman, and extend the same gratitude to Adrian Lawler and Jim Orchekowsky for their past work as Vice Chairmen.

Last January, we hoped to expand our school supply distribution program through a partnership with Hopelink. As in life, though, things don't always work out, and we have decided not to team with Hopelink this year. Instead, we plan to start another school supply program in South King County. As always, Fran Parker has a full plate and her hands full!

We are also exploring options for increasing our Bluebills membership. One idea is to challenge everyone to bring a new "recruit" to one monthly meeting each year. This would not only bring in new members, but potentially increase our volunteer hours as well. There are no avenues open to us, through Boeing, for distributing Bluebills information and materials to employees who have retired or are about to retire. We've made so many "runs" at this, that we're exhausted. For exposure, we staff a booth at the Puyallup Fair each year, and may also consider limited newspaper advertising. Other ideas are "percolating." Please talk to me or other Chapter officers if you have suggestions for "growing" our membership.

I hope to see all of you at our monthly meetings as we learn from our interesting guest speakers, take time to socialize with one another, and always, always, enjoy the doughnuts!

Don

Recap

Chapter Meeting January 25th

By Micki Brown

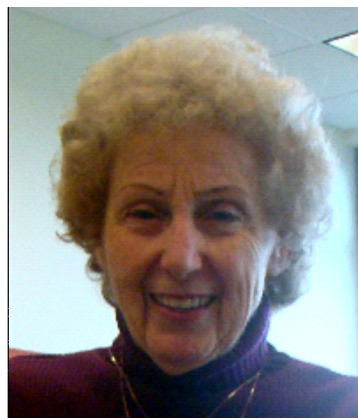
A big welcome to our new Chairman, Don Hilt! We thank you for accepting the challenge of "herding" us for 2013 and promise to support you fully!

We opened our meeting with Don Peterson leading The Pledge of Allegiance to the most beautiful flag in the world!

Richard Vaughn gave us a hilarious recap of the move (It really did happen!) of our Bluebills office to its new location ... yes, there were lots of twists and turns, but all of the computers and boxes have finally been relocated and thanks to a lot of folks, the unpacking will probably be well on its way as you're reading this edition of *The Heritage*.

Millard Battles announced the E6 Tacamo will be celebrating their anniversary this Labor Day weekend. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. More details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

Eileen Bear moved us with her thanks for all the volunteers. She reminded us that without all the hours volunteered, that the following, to name a few, would not have been serviced:



- Five Nursing homes four times a year remembering over 300 people
- * Childhaven's 64 children under the age of six, were assisted in her area alone
- * The Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- * Seattle's Cancer Care

Alliance

- * Children's Hospital, and
- * the daily support for the men and women in our armed forces at the USO, SeaTac Airport.

Don then called on the attendees and introduced several new members, a few of who signed up at the Bluebills' booth at the Puyallup Fair, many birthdays, and anniversaries.

Bambi Lee made a very important announcement: After 15 years of leading our wonderful Busy Bees,

she is handing over the reins to a new leader, Janice Hawes, who you will recall was our recognized as the Member of The Year for 2012! We thank Bambi for



all the time and energy she has expended over those years and look forward to the new leader for the future contributions the Busy Bees make.

Eileen Bear announced the completion of our distribution for Christmas to Fred Hutchinson's, Children's Hospital and the Child Haven projects and thanked everyone who made it possible. From the collection of items through the decoration of the sacks (260 this year), the selection of types of candies (or not) and items that fill each sack. Howard thanked Eileen and The RAP group who manages to make the deliveries go like clockwork year after year.

Jim Beasley introduced our speaker, Carol Ryan, who created Zeno, a Seattle nonprofit organization working to improve attitudes about math in elementary schools. Zeno seeks volunteers to help students during math time at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary in the Rainier Valley and will connect you with a teacher who needs extra hands to provide students with engaging math activities during weekday class



time. You will lead games, run activity stations, and assist kids with math problems.

Carol showed us how to "make math fun" by using a simple deck of cards (which, by the way, are donated by some of the casinos in the area, repackaged and used by Zeno in the schools). We all partici-

pated in groups of threes, one person being the "general" and the other two being the players. Two of the three people drew a card, placing it face down until the "general" says *SALUTE*. The players then held their card to their forehead for the other participant to see. The "general" then gives the two players the sum of the two cards. The players look at the other player's card and then must come up with the correct answer, which would be their card must be (you can just see how all of us were counting on our fingers!!!) While this is a simple math problem, the visibility of both the physical number and the corresponding icon (diamond, heart, spade or club) is a great teaching aid for children.

She poses the question: Do you enjoy math? Would you like to share your joy with South Seattle elementary students? For more information, please contact Carol Ryan at carolry@zenomath.org or call 206-325-0774.

Don closed the meeting with the drawing of our door prizes (what a crazy affair!) ... for those of you who do not attend, we'd love to see you and have you share in the fun and socializing.

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**BUSY B's    BUSY B's    BUSY B's**

*"Changing of the guard" - "Passing the Torch"*, what ever you want to call it, *big changes* for the Busy B's. As of January 2013 - I am passing the job of Chairman over to **JANICE HAWES** I asked her a couple months earlier if she would consider taking it and giving her time to heal from surgery as well as time to think about it, she so kindly said "yes, I'd like to do

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that" and this will be my one last act of the job. I am staying in Busy B's, but as a worker, not as Chairman / worker.

Fifteen years ago I was taking home donated dolls to refurbish and we'd give to kids in need. Barbara Willard felt I should start a group to do same, after she finally talked me into it, she was a sweetheart, how could I resist that woman? I did start a group ( I was called "the doll lady" if anyone recalls-lol ) and many changes later added quilting. Many members have come and gone during that time. We currently have a super duper group to work with, I am proud to say, a "DREAM TEAM".

There have been 'moves' as well, but thankfully we get to stay where we are now, for how long, only God knows, and HE's not telling.

**KUDOS TO.....**

**CARMEL CAMEDINI** who brought in a bag full of Barbie dresses her sister **Rebecca** made and they are ever so precious, oh so much work went into them. Janice like myself was awestruck to have such a treasure given, and will surely help her to meet her goal of having 100 Barbies come Christmas time to give to the little girls. Also **MARIAN HERRIN** brought in several big bags of fabric, we gals love to get fabric. Usually someone says they want this or that piece to make a quilt with, it's fun to see who is going to grab what first. LOL also to **FRAN PARKER** for stopping by **DOROTHY LOCHTIE's** home ( in Bellevue) and picking up four bags of beautiful soft yarns she donated to us. Estelle Mead has most of it now, and enjoys knitting kids caps, mittens and scarves with it. Thanks to **ESTELLE MEAD** also. So many wonderful people, and more I can't name them all but I can't leave out **BECKY PRENOVOST** whom without, we would not have many stuffed animals at the end of the year, thanks Becky. and oh whoops, nearly forgot Janice tells me **DON HILT** has been oh so faithful in bringing her Barbies, sharp eyed Don keeps an eye peeled for them all year long, Thanks Don! And to all I can't begin to write down here.

Now my last thanks goes to **NORMA VAUGHN**, for all her help when I asked tons of questions she had answers all the time, I could not have done it without you Norma, thanks tons !

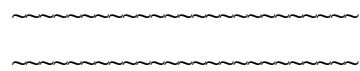
But wait, I can't forget to thank **ALL YOU FOLKS** reading this each month, & putting up with my style of writing. Glad you hung in there with me

and didn't 'fire' me for any part of it LOL.

It's been a good long run of it, and I feel I pass this leadership on to super capable hands. I have the utmost faith in her. I know all the ladies love her as well. Good luck my friend!

I know you all will look forward to seeing what Janice has to say next month, I also look forward to reading what I had not written myself LOL. Hugs, from Bambi and those wonderful Busy B's.

Janice Hawes, Yoshi Akers, Lana Mitsules, Joyce Hassler, Lisa Nyreen, Jean Derheim.



**PHM Reunion...**

To all from Boeing Marine that were involved in the hydrofoil programs. The dates for the Navy Hydrofoil Reunion are Sept 20-23 2013 in Key West. Details at : [www.foils.org/reunion.html](http://www.foils.org/reunion.html)

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**Topic for February 22nd Chapter Meeting is " Review of Japan Nuclear Disaster"**

*by Sam Beard, Former President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Exxon Nuclear Company.*

Mr. Beard received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota (UMD) in 1952 and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Washington in 1954. In 1968 he was named an Alfred P. Sloan fellow and attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology receiving a Master of Science degree in management in 1969.

Mr. Beard began his professional career in 1954 as a chemical engineer with General Electric at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington State. He joined Exxon Nuclear, a wholly owned affiliate of ExxonMobil, in 1971 to launch a commercial nuclear fuel reprocessing business. In 1981 he was appointed Vice President of Engineering and Technology and



elected to the Board of Directors. He subsequently became President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Of Exxon Nuclear Company and continued in that position until he retired in 1988.

## Consumer alert: new health care markets on the way

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR | *Associated Press*

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buying your own health insurance will never be the same.

This fall, new insurance markets called exchanges will open in each state, marking the long-awaited and much-debated debut of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

The goal is quality coverage for millions of uninsured people in the United States. What the reality will look like is anybody's guess — from bureaucracy, confusion and indifference to seamless service and satisfied customers.

Exchanges will offer individuals and their families a choice of private health plans resembling what workers at major companies already get. The government will help many middle-class households pay their premiums, while low-income people will be referred to safety-net programs they might qualify for.

Most people will go online to pick a plan when open enrollment starts Oct. 1. Counselors will be available at call centers and in local communities, too. Some areas will get a storefront operation or kiosks at the mall. Translation to Spanish and other languages spoken by immigrants will be provided.

When you pick a plan, you'll no longer have to worry about getting turned down or charged more because of a medical problem. If you're a woman, you can't be charged a higher premium because of gender. Middle-aged people and those nearing retirement will get a price break: They can't be charged more than three times what younger customers pay, compared with six times or seven times today.

If all this sounds too good to be true, remember that

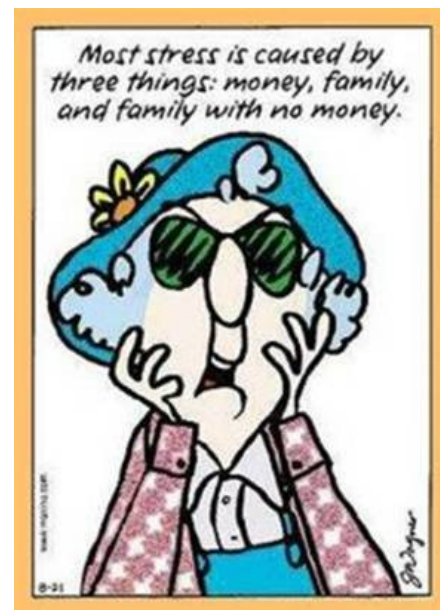
nothing in life is free and change isn't easy.

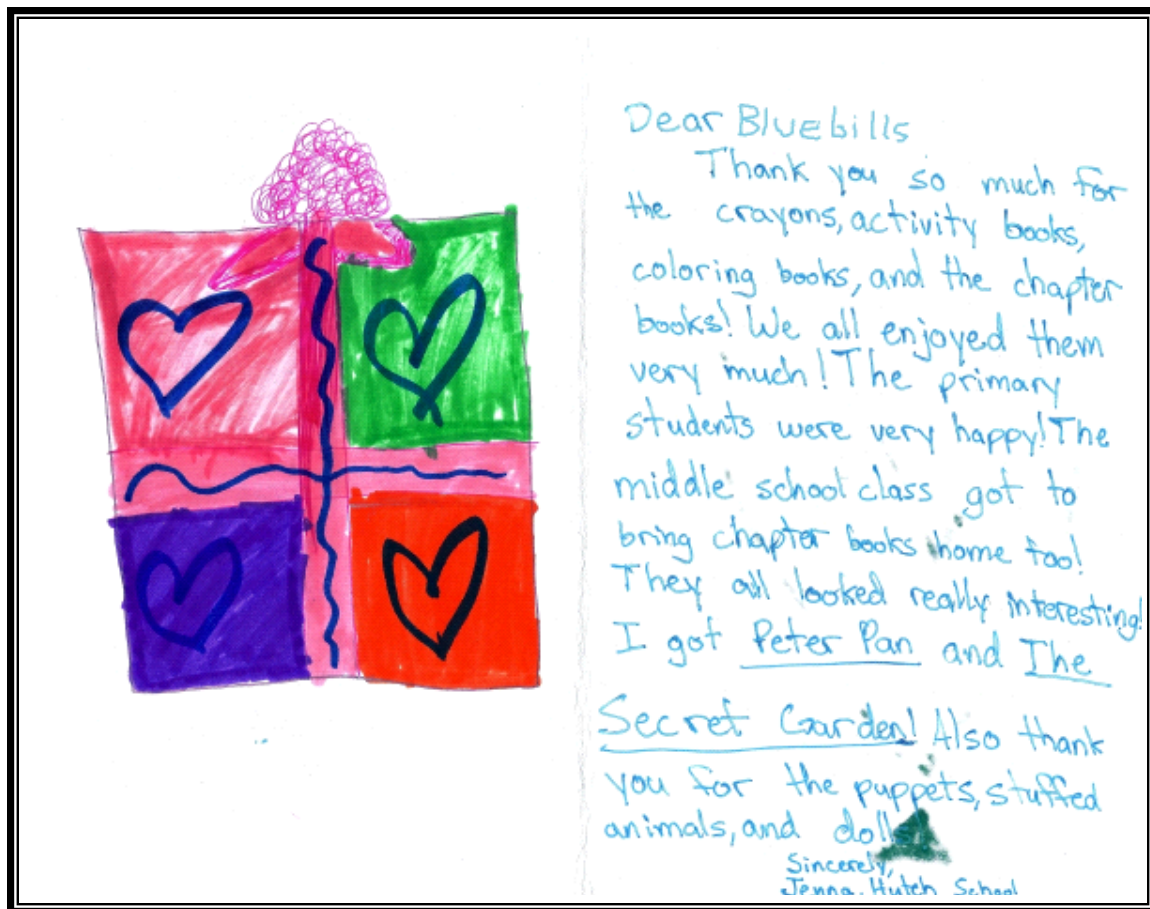
Starting Jan. 1, 2014, when coverage takes effect in the exchanges, virtually everyone in the country will be required by law to have health insurance or face fines. The mandate is meant to get everybody paying into the insurance pool.

Obama's law is called the Affordable Care Act, but some people in the new markets might experience sticker shock over their premiums. Smokers will face a financial penalty. Younger, well-to-do people who haven't seen the need for health insurance may not be eligible for income-based assistance with their premiums.

Many people, even if they get government help, will find that health insurance still doesn't come cheaply. Monthly premiums will be less than the mortgage or rent, but maybe more than a car loan. The coverage, however, will be more robust than most individual plans currently sold. (More go to: <http://news.yahoo.com/consumer-alert-health-care-markets-way-131508179--finance.html>)

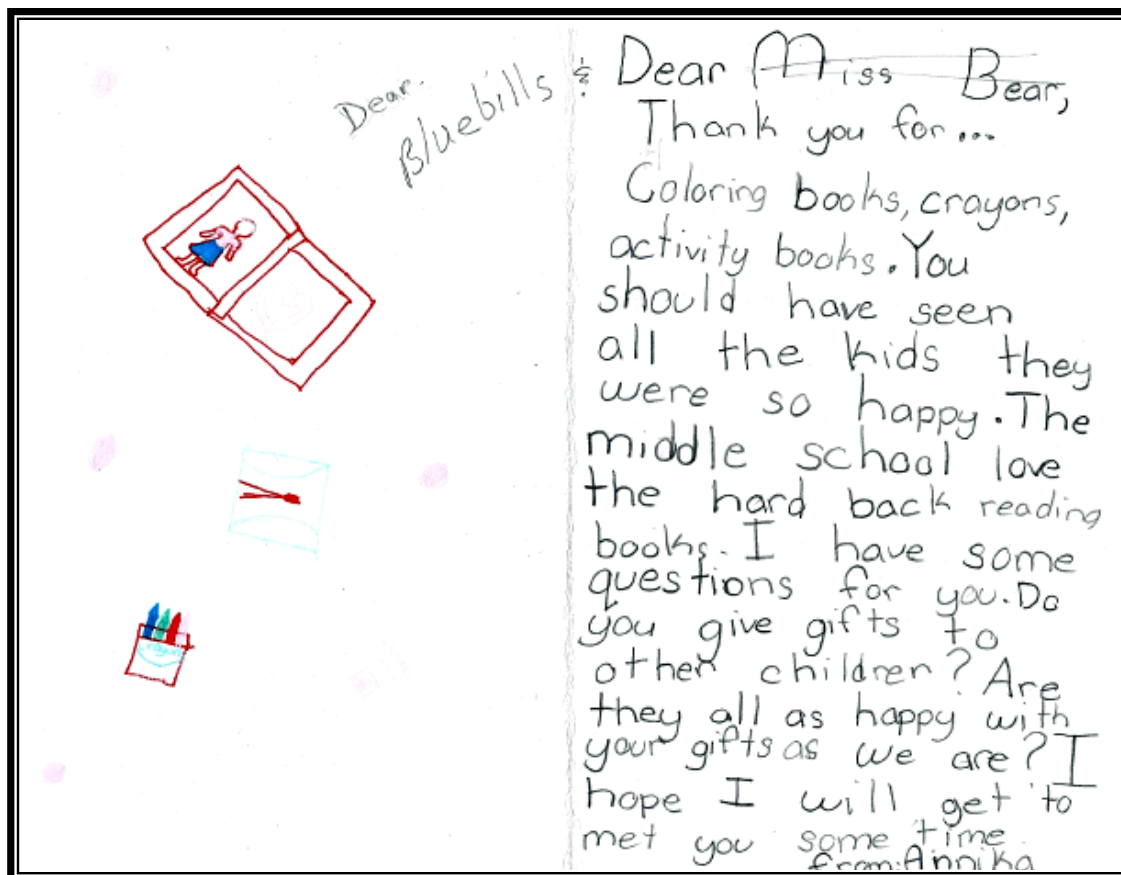
EDITOR'S NOTE \_ This is the first story in a two-part series that provides an overview of the major changes in health insurance facing Americans under the Affordable Care Act, President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.





**Thank You Cards from Hutch Kids**

Received by:  
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### Food Bank Schedule For 2013

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

| <b>February</b> | <b>Bellevue</b> | <b>Doug Hoople</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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    |
| December        | Des Moines      | Dave & Mary Frantz |

### Calendar of Events 2013

|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Feb 14</b> | <b>Heritage Leadership Meeting</b> |
| <b>Feb 22</b> | <b>Chapter Monthly Meeting</b>     |
| Mar 14        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| Mar 29        | Chapter Monthly Meeting            |
| Apr 11        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| Apr 26        | Chapter Monthly Meeting            |
| May 16        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| May 31        | Chapter Monthly Meeting            |
| Jun 13        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| Jun 28        | Chapter Monthly Meeting            |
| Jul 11        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| Jul 26        | Chapter Monthly Meeting            |
| Aug 15        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| Aug ?         | Chapter Picnic                     |
| Sep 12        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| Sep 27        | Chapter Monthly Meeting            |
| Oct 10        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| Oct 25        | Chapter Monthly Meeting            |
| Nov 14        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| Nov 22        | Chapter Monthly Meeting            |
| Dec 12        | Heritage Leadership Meeting        |
| Dec 20        | Chapter Monthly Meeting            |

# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Monthly Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson  
3715 East Valley Road  
Renton, WA

## February 22, 2013

Social: 10:00 to 10:30 AM Meeting starts at 10:30 AM

**Speaker:** Sam Beard, Former President, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Exxon Nuclear Company

### Topic: " Review of Japan Nuclear Disaster"

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#### Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the Downtown Harley-Davidson building at 3715 East Valley Road, Renton, WA. The door on the North side of the building is opened at **10:00 AM** sharp. Please enter the building only on the north side. We meet on the 2nd floor — there is an elevator on the right as you enter. The Social hour begins at that time. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER BUILDING PRIOR TO 10:00 AM.**

### Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

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(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

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 Highway 167 south to the SW 43rd St exit, turn right on SW 43rd St to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. From the south go north on Highway 167 take the SW 43rd St exit and turn left back over the freeway to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, Go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. The meeting is in the Davidson building, 2nd floor. Signs are posted directing you to the meeting room.

