



The Heritage

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Chairman's Report – January 2022



By Richard Vaughn

Following is Richard's statement to explain the purpose of the Lakeshore flyer that has been included in this newsletter.

"The flyer from Lakeshore Retirement Home in Renton is not a sales pitch to get you to buy there but is a newsletter describing events you are invited to attend. (If you are interested that is your choice.)"

This flyer is included in our newsletter to offer Bluebills the opportunity to attend any of these meetings at their facility. The meetings are meant to provide information to help retirees make decisions on various subjects that pertain to their lives today.

If you are interested in any of the meetings listed and would like to attend, the contact information and meetings are listed on the second page of the flyer."

Richard

Happy Valentine's Day 



"THEY'RE PREDICTING SOCIAL SECURITY WILL BE BROKE THE SAME YEAR I RETIRE."



January Meetin Summery

By Mary Ulibarri

Don Hilt began the meeting at 10:30 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was one January birthday in attendance – our dear Jimmy who oversees the VFW setup and closing down at the end of the meeting. Other January birthdays on my list: Arlene Addington, Jim Bunt, Melinda Stubbs, Phyllis Hilt and Eleanor Skinner. And here are some December birthdays we missed: Jim Burrows, Millard Battles and Helen Lowe.

Today's attendance was somewhat low again, but it's understandable that folks are taking care of themselves with the COVID Omicron still lingering. We all are doing our best for what feels right at the moment.

Again, volunteer hours may be submitted to Mary at marybarri@centurylink.net or Dick Beham at bbbeditor@live.com.

Don also asked that the members keep the Leydens in their thoughts. Ted fell and broke a number of bones and then Judy fell and broke her arm. Thank goodness family is helping them out in this difficult time.

Richard passed along information provided by a visitor, Stephanie, who heads up the Boeing retirees group at the Lakeshore Retirement Home in Renton. They would like to partner with us and are planning to invite our members to come to check out their facilities as a potential occasional meeting site.

He also stated our Boeing representative, Rachel, is transferring to the Washington, DC, area so the Bluebills will be assigned a new Boeing contact.

The meeting was then turned over to Howard Syder who proceeded to tell a very interesting and enlightening story about his growing up in England and the various places he lived and worked before his family came to America in 1967. And he proudly stated his 62nd wedding anniversary is on January 30th. Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Syder.

Don closed the meeting with the door prize drawing and best wishes for all to remain safe.



Bits and Pieces

"What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year."-- Vern McLellan

Great Truths (Part 1)

Submitted by: Micki Brown

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats...
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year-old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food...
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair...
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

Subject: S.O.S. Explained

Submitted by: Micki Brown

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic . It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Euro fighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now you look!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?"

Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?"

The AirBus pilot laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the restroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry.

The moral of the story is:

When you are young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important.

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, but Smarter.

Dedicated to all my friends who are like me, now realizing that it is time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip. Dedicated to all seniors.



Eastside Stories

The Campbell Lumber Mill

By Steve Williams, EHC Volunteer

One hundred and sixteen years ago in 1905, a huge lumber mill began operations at the north-east corner of Lake Sammamish in Washington State. James Campbell and L.B. Stedman invested \$100,000 (over 30 million in today's dollars) and logged a major portion of the land east of the lake during the next two decades. They built an entire company town at Adelaide to support the mill; including a store, hotel, blacksmith shop, tool house, foreman family home and bunkhouses for 50 men.

Key to the whole operation was the Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad which ran along the shoreline between the mill and town. It had been built by Daniel Gillman in 1889 and provided direct shipment to Seattle and other northwest destinations. Seattle expanded from a population of 3,533 in 1880 to 237,194 in 1910, and all those people needed housing. Because the railroad was there first, most of the mill was actually built on pilings extending out over Lake Sammamish.

OR/L 79.79.145 - Campbell Mill, Lake Sammamish, 1905.



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The lumber company had three locomotives of its own and laid 16 miles of track across the virgin timber lands east of Redmond and Lake Sammamish. Bunkhouses for the lumberjacks were built on rail car frames and could be hauled into the woods to the end of spur lines where the trees were being cut. The logs were hauled back to the mill location, also called Campton, and were dumped in the lake for storage until they could be milled into lumber. The water washed off dirt and rocks, and prevented drying out – all of which was better for the saw blades. “Ponding” also allowed the logs to be easily sorted and moved about, and that resulted in pilings and large log booms at the north end of the lake. Old timers said that “There were so many logs that you could practically walk from one side of the lake to the other on them.”

OR/L 79.79.061 - Weber's Tug Boat, "Daisy."

The Campbell Mill operated for nineteen years, but was lost to fire in 1924 when the firemen discovered that their unused hoses had rotted and were full of holes. Many early mills and houses suffered the same fate as embers from wood-burning stoves and steam engines dropped onto wood-shingled roofs. The Lake Sammamish Shingle Mill was also located on the east shore, just south at Weber Point, and The Monohon Mill was further south towards the end of the lake near Issaquah. Beginning in the 1880's, Redmond had at least 12 different mills, but the big time logging was nearly done by 1930. Within 50 years most of the old growth prime timber had been cut and the land was ready for stump-pulling, row-farming and dairy herds.



Today, if you go boating at the north end of Lake Sammamish you can discover rows of pilings that once supported the mill or held the log booms in place. Now, those pilings make a great protective nursery for young fish, and a hangout for all sorts of ducks and other wildlife. You can also join the Mountains to Sound Greenway in planting conifer seedlings to do your part in restoring a bit of northwest forest. Our forests help limit climate change by storing carbon, reducing flooding, evaporation and lowering temperatures. The extraction economy of a century ago is being replaced by a restoration economy of carbon credits and tree planting today.

Resources

“Our Town Redmond” by Nancy Way, Marymoor Museum, Redmond, Washington 1989.

“Index of Lumber Businesses & Mills” by Eric Erickson, Issaquah Historical Society 2003.

“Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition” by Shauna & Brennan O'Reilly, Arcadia Publishing 2009.

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Discover More

AT THE LAKESHORE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Make 2022 the year you prepare for your future! These upcoming, complimentary events will help you plan your move to our retirement community.

EVALUATING RETIREMENT LIVING OPTIONS

Thursday, February 17 at 2:00 pm

Join us as we discuss the differences in various senior living and care models. We'll take a close look at the pros and cons of retirement living, helping you feel confident with your decision to move.

TWO-DAY DOWNSIZING WORKSHOP

Thursday, February 24 at 2:00 pm

Join us for a two-day workshop all about downsizing! Take the stress out of de-cluttering and learn practical information on how to downsize to prepare for your move.

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Kindly RSVP to these events at (206) 772-1200





PREPARING TO SELL YOUR HOME

Thursday, March 24 at 2:00 pm

Learn how to prepare your home for the market. This informative seminar provides guidance for staging your home and how to find out how much your home is worth.

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR

Thursday, April 7 at 2:00 pm

This seminar will give you strategies on how to stretch your dollars so that you have more money to enjoy what you love in retirement.

DOWNSIZING SEMINAR

Thursday, May 5 at 2:00 pm

This informative seminar will share tips to help support your pre-move downsizing. Our presenting speaker will provide the approach and solutions necessary to ensure a successful transition.

THE POWER OF PLANNING

Thursday, July 14 at 2:00 pm

This seminar will help answer important legal questions for the older adult, such as "What documents can I use to make sure my wishes are carried out?"

DISCOVER THE LAKESHORE: GUEST STAY

Thursday, July 28 at 2:00 pm

Join us to learn more about what it's like to live at our community. You'll have an opportunity to tour apartments and mingle with residents and other potential neighbors.

Kindly RSVP to these events at (206) 772-1200



Calendar of Events 2022
In Person Meetings

<i>Jan 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Feb 25</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Mar 25</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Apr 29</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>May 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jun 24</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jul 29</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Aug 26</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Sept 30</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Oct 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Nov 18</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Dec 16</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>

Food Bank Schedule For 2022

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

<i>January</i>	<i>Highline</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Bellevue</i>	<i>Doug Hoople</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Federal Way</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Maple Valley</i>	<i>Vaughn's</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Kent</i>	<i>Melinda Stubbs</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Auburn</i>	<i>Martha Battles</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>West Seattle</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Tacoma</i>	<i>(open}</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Renton</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>White Center</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Issaquah</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>

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**Don't Forget to
Report Your Hours!**

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

February 25, 2022 10:00AM

Social 10:00AM, Meeting 10:30 - 11:30AM

Speaker: TBA

Subject: TBA



Coffee and Doughnuts provided



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

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