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Chairman's Corner

As your Chairman for 2012 this is my first Chairman's corner for the coming year. I would like to thank Richard for all his hard work during the past year and hope to continue his good work. Also thanks to Jim and Adrian for stepping up to the Vice Chair positions.



In the coming year I hope we can consolidate our partnership with **hopelink** to provide adequate school supplies to all the students that we can. Hopefully, we can expand this program modestly this year to include some of the Middle and High School students. This will require a significant number of keen volunteers, so be prepared.

Richard encouraged everyone to submit their volunteer hours and we should see a very significant total for 2011. This is very important for us to show the Boeing Company how much we contribute to the community in the name of the company. I recently saw an article in the AARP Magazine which valued a volunteer hour in Washington State at \$21.62, so our contribution is not small change. Please keep those hours coming in to the Bluebills Office.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the monthly meetings where Jim Beasley hopes to provide interesting speakers for us throughout the year.

Howard

Annual December Holiday Potluck

The annual December Holiday Potluck began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Jim Peterson. Following the pledge, Richard began to chair the meeting, his last as our Chairman for 2011. He began by

introducing those who were celebrating birthdays and anniversaries and then the introduction of visitors and a new member whose first meeting was today.

A framed copy of the Boeing Bluebills plane was presented by Richard and Norma to Cathy Bacon, the Events & Marketing Manager for Downtown Harley-Davidson, with a plate reading "Downtown Harley-Davidson, our appreciation. The Boeing Bluebills." Downtown H-D has been most gracious with the use of their well-appointed meeting room that we enjoy each month. She thanked us for taking such good care of their place and stated that out of all the people who utilize it, we take the best care of it, cleaning it up and putting things away.



Richard *proudly* announced that through November our volunteer hours reached 61,244 hours - our goal for 2011 was 60,000 and this number doesn't include the December hours! Using AARP's December 2011 bulletin estimated Volunteer dollar value for Washington State of \$21.62, this would equal \$1,324,095.28. He thanked the many people who make our Chapter function so well:

- members who come in early and set up the room for our monthly meeting;
- those who regularly go to the Bluebills office;



- Evelyn Okert who labels the monthly newsletters for mailing with Carmel Camerini's help, gets the newsletter to either the Chairman or Jim Lee who then delivers them to Boeing's mailroom;
- Bambi Lee and her Busy B's (*she explained that their name came from The Boeing Bluebills being ... busy!*), the ladies who come in every Tuesday to work on quilts and toys that support charities. Maple Valley, plus four other food banks were overwhelmed with the gifts of all the Beanie Babies and other toys, etc., that were brought for distribution ... yet another tribute to their hard work!
- Jim Beasley, who never fails to arrange for our monthly speaker(s) – he's not here today but wanted to make sure that our January and February speakers are lined up and wanted the Chairmen to know how to contact them, stating that he might get hung up in Florida. Richard asked him if he was getting caught up in a snow storm!
- Bob Lambert was thanked for getting the picture of the Bluebills plane framed for the presentation to Seattle Harley-Davidson.



Vicki Lee updated information for all who take time to collect labels for Campbell's sponsored *Labels for Education*, a program committed to helping schools earn FREE educational merchandise (see www.labelsforeducation.com for details. A complete list of products based on 1, 5 and 10 point products is available at: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/How-toEarn/Participating-Products>). The primary detail that she discussed is the need for clipping the complete UPC codes (also known as *bar codes*) instead of just the "Campbell's" logo on the label. These are given to her daughter who is a special education teacher with 14 profoundly disabled students. She thanks everyone who diligently clips, saves and brings them in monthly – keep up the good work!

Richard introduced Vickie Vallier an 80-year old "Rosie the Riveter". She has worked in Seattle, Renton and Wichita Boeing sites. She also won a door prize, so you can check out her photo!

Richard requested our help in looking for support for

the south end of King County for school supplies in 2012. The Bluebills' School Supplies Team stores, sorts, and distributes the supplies but first there is the need to find a 501C3 agency that can raise funds and acquire the supplies. In Bellevue, hopelink fills that critical position and At Work! has provided the facility for the work to be done. Boeing has supported us very well on this project furnishing surplus notebooks, boxes and shelving (donated to hopelink with Fran Parker's guidance). Renton is crying for help; Kent has asked for our help. If we had the means to do so, we would. Please contact Fran Parker (parker33@q.com) who is chairing the School Supplies for Children project.

A big thank you was given to everyone who brings in food donations each month. There are 12 food banks we support and 100-200 pounds of food are donated each month.

Eileen Bear announced that The Salvation Army really needs our donations of toys and money. They still need volunteers to help parents shop for toys at the giant toy store at Century Link Exhibition Hall on December 21st to cover the shifts (8:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., and 2:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.). Contact Bill Talbot at 206-310-1720 or Eileen Bear at 206-932-5428.

Thursday, December 22, gift bags for the nursing homes will be prepared for delivery. You can join in the fun at the Bluebills South Park office, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We are currently supporting six nursing homes. If you know of anyone who is a shut-in and would appreciate receiving a gift bag, please contact Eileen Bear at 206-932-5428.

A slideshow (developed by Micki Brown) was shown during the meeting. It was created from photos taken throughout the past year at the monthly meetings, the annual picnic, the annual Awards Dinner and on-site where members have tirelessly donated their time and efforts to support our community. (Watch the slideshow which will be posted on the website at <http://www.bluebills.org/heritage.html>).

Richard made all the door prizes for today's meeting! They were used as centerpiece decorations for the tables. They were standing reindeer and rail



-sitters of snowmen and reindeer.

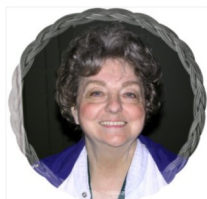
Howard Syder thanked Richard for all his hard work during his term as he and Norma drive in each week from Ravensdale to the South Park office. Howard hopes to continue the momentum created and add some new projects as well. He also hopes to expand our target for the volunteer hours, while Richard commented on how well everyone has done this year.

Heinz Gehlhaar is the new Bluebills Central Web Master and he requested you take a look at the web site (<http://www.bluebills.org/>) and send him your comments and ideas (soarboy@comcast.net). The Heritage page of the web site is maintained by Dick Beham so comments on that portion should be forwarded to him at (rsqdnrc@foxiinternet.net.)

Heinz Gehlhaar took the microphone to say that the food was getting cold and people were getting anxious to enjoy it all so we queued up and made piglets out of ourselves. The door prizes were awarded afterwards and the room was full of people wishing others a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Micki Brown Co-Editor

BUSY B'S BUSY B'S BUSY B'S



HAPPY NEW YEAR to ONE AND ALL From The BUSY B's..

We have oh so much to be thankful for and hopefully I won't leave anyone out, but if I do, please forgive me, so much to deal with here, big operation LOL.

To start with I want to announce I counted all the hours the Busy B's have put in all year long, and it comes to 1,777.5 HOURS for the year..

I want to try to thank all who have given through the year by making themselves or gleaning. without whom we could not be so successful..

Estelle Mead, for knitted items, Becky Prenovost for being our #1 stuffie gleaner. Elaine Delappe for her personal collection of more than 400 Beanie Babies, Don Hilt has donated many of the Barbie's, he's a real great Barbie Gleaner for Janice.

Karen Baker for the work she did on the Christmas Stockings,(Donated by Boeing Global Corp. Citizenship) which were donated with the toys this year..

Janice makes ALL the Doll clothes now and she spends a given amount of time daily making mostly Barbie doll clothes, as well as little quilts to go with the dolls..

To all the BUSY B's who work all year long making quilts for Child Haven and Vets hospital. PLUS all the others through the year who have donated to help out as well.

Thanks go out to those who help deliver through the year as well, Bob Lambert for taking quilts to the Vets Hospital, and Zip Zuther stuffies to Children's Hospital..

To Jack Sutherland for his donation of the two sewing machines which are going full speed each meeting, and last but by far least to those who delivered toys to the food banks..: Kent: Lana Mitsules—Renton: Janice Hawes - Highline: Lisa Nyreen— Maple Valley: Norma & Richard Vaughn— Federal Way “Christmas House”:Jim & Bambi Lee

We have given away through the year and at Christmas time a total of 1,661 items and of these were 145 Barbie's and 57 other dolls - 735 stuffies, mainly from Becky. Misc toys- 85 knitted items, from Estelle. 400+ beanies, and the 100 Stockings. plus others.. Hats off to ALL who helped out one way or another this past year with our gleaning and all the hard work and hours that went into this to make children happy, and to give warmth and comfort to the children as well. as well as relief to the parents the children are well taken care of this time of year when things are so hard all over.

I hope I did not miss anyone but if I did, please forgive me. THANKS TO ALL THE BUSY B'S as well for all the long hours and hard work put in all year long.

GOD BLESS YOU ONE AND ALL, Bambi

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BATTELLE NATURALISTIC DRIVING STUDY

This information was passed on by one of our Bluebills and want to let anyone who is interested in participating have this information to check out for themselves.

There is a study going on to gather important information about traffic safety and it will be used to reduce crashes and fatalities in the United States.

They are still trying to recruit drivers for the study, and are especially looking for drivers aged 16-20 and over 75 years old. Some of us Bluebills fit into this category and probably have grandchildren that also qualify. To help with this, they have broadened the list of eligible vehicles. For drivers aged 16-20 they will accept almost any vehicle manufactured after year 1990. Also, if there is a teenager who drives your study vehicle as their primary vehicle, they may be eligible to participate as a primary driver for that same vehicle. They would need to complete the same assessment activities as an over 75 year old and would also receive \$500 in compensation.

If you know of individuals age 16-25 or 76 plus who drive on a regular basis, and who might be interested in participating, please have them call 1-866-215-6617. They can also find out more about the study at www.drivingstudy.org.

- Maybelle Brickley

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We are starting a **New Year**

When you receive this News Letter your Christmas Dinner is just a fond memory and all the Christmas packages have been delivered and put to use.

Thanks to you Bluebills, Children at Fred Hutch, and Children’s Hospital, have something to help them fill their day. The elderly in the Nursing homes have something to cheer them up. (Books, stuffed animals, playing cards pictures, candy etc.) Something to make their life a little happier.

The children of Childhaven also have something new, toys, book, game or clothing. And due to so many of you people donating to the Salvation Army’s call for *Toys For Tots*, a lot of kids have **New** clothes, toy’s, school supplies, games. books, even new tooth brushes& toothpaste.

Now its time to get back to work trying to make life a little happier for our nursing home friends, home bound shut-ins, and the joy of working with fellow Bluebill’s friends in this New Year.

We are looking forward to seeing all you wonderful Bluebills again in the New Year.—Eileen Bear

Prayer list for the Month of January

Get well list for this month is:

- Barbara Adamson
- Oshi Akers
- Karen Fields
- Tom Gangwish
- Marge Hardaway
- Penny Kahn
- Janice Hawes
- Joyce Hassler
- Pat Itzen
- Lana Mitsules
- Donna Palmer
- Ervin Vernon

January 27th Chapter Monthly Meeting—Speaker Bob Bogash- Subject : “In Search of an Icon”

**The Hunt for a Boeing B-314 Flying Boat
Pan American NC18601 - the *Honolulu Clipper***



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Bob Bogash will our speaker in January at the Chapter Monthly Meeting. He is working on a project to raise a Model 314 Pan American plane from the ocean

Bob Bogash, retired after more than 30 years with the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group, spent the last 9 years of his career as the Director of Quality Assurance for the Materiel Division. In this position, Bob was responsible for the on-time production and quality of all the non-Boeing produced hardware and software used on Boeing commercial jetliners.

Bob states on his web site:

“As a retired Boeing career employee, I've been deeply involved in acquiring and restoring historic airplanes, including the Prototype 727, 737, and 747 airplanes, a Concorde, and most recently a Lockheed Super Constellation. While some of these airplanes are still under active restoration, I, as usual, began getting a case of itchy feet. In other words, I began thinking of a new airplane to begin chasing. An airplane long floating around in the back of my mind was a B-314 flying boat. I had a number of books on Pan Am's boat flying, and in my professional career, had worked for years with Pan Am, and had visited most of the key Pacific flying boat locations.”

On Bob's front burner for the past 3 years has been acquisition of a Lockheed Super G Constellation, earlier in Toronto, now in restoration at Rome, New York, for the Museum. He's also on the hunt for a Lockheed Model 10 Electra, a Douglas DC-4, and, most ambitious of all, a Boeing Model 314 Clipper.

This is a presentation you will not want to miss!

A Christmas Story

A married couple had been out shopping at the mall for most of the afternoon, suddenly, the wife realized that her husband had "disappeared".

The somewhat irate spouse called her mate's cell phone and demanded: Where are you?

Husband: Darling you remember that Jewelry shop where you saw the Diamond Necklace and totally fell in love with it and I didn't have money that time and

said Baby it'll be yours one day.

Wife, with a smile blushing: Yes, I remember that my Love.

Husband: Well, I'm in the Pub next to that shop.

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Are you spreading the word about us, *The Bluebills*? Take some of our tri-fold brochures and hand them out to your friends, especially those still working and wondering what the heck they'll do when they retire!

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Food Bank Schedule For 2012

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings 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	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 2012

Jan 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
June 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
June 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
July 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
July 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug ?	Picnic
Sep 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov ?	Annual Dinner
Nov 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 21	Christmas Potluck

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Monthly Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson
3715 East Valley Road
Renton, WA

January 27, 2012

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

Speaker: Bob Bogash

Topic: "In Search of an Icon"

*"The Hunt for a Boeing B-314 Flying Boat
Pan American NC18601 - the Honolulu Clipper"*

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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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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to 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 Downtown Harley-Davidson building, 2nd floor. Signs are posted directing you to the meeting room.

