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Chairman's Corner

By Don Hilt



This is my last Chairman's Corner for 2013 and I'm passing "the pen" for future articles to our new Chapter Chairman, Howard Syder, for 2014. The year passed quickly, I learned a lot, and appreciated everyone's support.

Special thanks to our Vice Chairmen Ben Sakamoto, Bob Stubbs and Helen Lowe who supported events and chairmen for our Annual Picnic, Puyallup Fair, Annual Volunteer of the Year Dinner, and the Christmas Pot Luck. They also filled in for me while I was recovering from knee surgery.

I would also like to thank all of the Committee Chairmen for everything they did for the Heritage Chapter during the year, including our office Manager, Norma Vaughn. She provides invaluable support for every Chairman.

I wish each of you a memorable and safe holiday with family, friends, or loved ones.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Chairman's Corner

By Howard Syder



As your new chairman for this year I wish all of you a prosperous and healthy 2014 and I trust everyone had a pleasant holiday season.

This year I hope we can do some things to encourage all these baby boomers who are retiring to become part of our Bluebills group. I think there are many of these potential retirees who would benefit our organization.

On a personal level, Jean and I had an opportunity to see how one of our primary agencies that we support operates. Our granddaughter spent Christmas and New Year in Children's Hospital. We were so impressed with the level of care that she received. The Staff and Volunteers are so professional and caring with the children. We spent some of Christmas Day in the Hospital and our granddaughter had a visit from Santa Claus with a gift and then had her picture taken by the accompanying elf. The whole environment is set up to make the children feel safe and cared about. I think the Bluebills who volunteer at Childrens can be very proud of the service they are providing.

We were there today and heard that Russell Wilson, the Seahawks Quarterback, as if you didn't know, and his wife were to be there on Tuesday to visit with some of the children. Apparently, this is a regular event.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our first monthly meeting in January.

Do you know what is happening this year?**BLUEBILLS TWENTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY****1994 - 2014**

In September 1994 a Boeing retiree team, about 27 retirees and one Boeing manager, met to design, build, and fly what became known as the Boeing Retiree Volunteers. The idea, the need for such an initiative, had been stirring for months but twenty years ago it was put to the test. Was it a doable task? Was it a sound idea? The time proved to be right. There was a pressing need. Remember in 1995 there was the "Golden Handshake" and many Boeing employees were soon to be retirees. There was a vast pool of proven and motivated talent coming available to improve their community and, as one of the founders of the new organization succinctly stated: "Retirees need to remain relevant in their new lives". Retirees, once the travel bug had been satisfied, had to have reasons to get out of bed and turn off the TV. Most still had a fire in their stomachs and the need to remain productive.

The Boeing retiree organization, named Bluebills after the name of the first Boeing airplane, provided a vehicle for Boeing retirees and spouses to meet old friends, make new ones, and pursue projects enhancing personal relevance and resulting in community improvement, and to have fun. The Bluebill airplane was the first in a long line of military and commercial aircraft that changed the world and the retiree organization would change their community, both for the better. The Bluebills started with a bang and have never slowed down.

At the beginning of 1995 the Bluebills helped Tacoma renovate Jason Lee Middle School in the Hilltop area to become a focal point for community improvement. Keeping with the character of Boeing retirees, they knew how to organize, how to plan and how to accomplish. From that first project until now Bluebills were, justifiably so, known as force multipliers. So, by August 2009 the Bluebills' Heritage Chapter in King/Pierce Counties, Sno-King Chapter in Snohomish County, and the Olympic Peninsula Chapter were doing over 100,000 recorded volunteer hours a year. There are currently over twelve hundred Bluebills members. Each chapter is making unique contributions to their communities. The scope of projects is vast, ranging from building wheelchair ramps for the disabled to facilitating free educational supplies to thousands of teachers and over a hundred fifty schools; supporting our military through the USO and sending cards to our military overseas; helping the Red Cross during emergencies; providing one-on-one mock interviews for dozens of community college students to prepare them for job interviews; providing assistance to our fellow retirees and spouses, and countless individual efforts to improve our communities. Bluebills work effectively as teams or as single volunteers.

The goals discussed in 1994 are still a work in progress. Bluebills can be proud of 20 years of accomplishments bringing priceless improvements to our communities and equally important, self-satisfaction. Bluebills have countless new friends and as a result social enrichment. The goal of personal relevance is an endless pursuit, hopefully facilitated by the Bluebills organization. In 2014 the Bluebill organization must not rest on its oars or reflect on past accomplishments. Yes, we can be proud. The tasks ahead during this difficult time will demand more skilled and motivated volunteers to help solve our community problems. The Bluebills' role is to help bring talented Boeing retirees and spouses, as teams and individuals focused on pressing needs, together to work to accomplish the goals of the Bluebills.

There are many retirees out there who have retired in the last 20 years and many do not know about Bluebills. Let's find them and get them on our team to help those in need and build a better community.

We would like to thank The Boeing Company and all of the Bluebills for their support for the last 20 years.

Article submitted by: Bob Lambert and Richard and Norma Vaughn

BLUEBILLS CHRISTMAS BAGS

By Karen Baker

The Christmas gift bags for Zip's kids were filled on the morning of December 19th.

Helping Zip Zuther fill 60 bags with candy, (including a Christmas candy cane), pencils, color books, crayons and a stuffed animal were: Oscar Olaque, Bill and Karen Baker, Eileen Bear and Heintz Gehlhaar. Zip and Oscar then delivered the bags to Fred Hutch School and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance – Child Life Specialist Group.

The nursing homes Christmas bags were done on Monday December 23rd thanks to volunteers who came in so close to Christmas. Over 200 bags were filled with candy, (including a Christmas candy cane), a Christmas card, a deck of playing cards, a pencil, a small lotion or shampoo and a stuffed animal. For two gentlemen, who loved horses, Eileen and Heintz put together a Christmas surprise – a 5 x 7 framed picture of horses for each of them. Volunteers on this day were: Eileen Bear, Heintz Gehlhaar, Bill and Karen Baker, Mary Ulibarri, Malinda Stubbs, Kathy Lyons, Carmel Camerini and Micki Brown.

BLUEBILLS ANGELS

By Bill Baker

There are a dozen very thankful and happy kids starting school at Kent Easthill Elementary this year thanks to a couple of Bluebills Angels. They each received a new backpack stuffed with school supplies and a personal care package thanks to Barb and Gary Adamson, Heitage Chapter members.

Barb and Gary's daughter is a teacher's aid at Easthill and told her parents that many of the students didn't have all the pencils, paper and other critical supplies needed to learn and take part in activities. So the Adamsons went shopping and \$600 and twelve plus hours of driving, buying, assembly and delivery later they had enough to outfit 20 of the most needy students. Next up, a planned \$750 project for sweat jackets and decorated hoodies.

Thank you Barb and Gary, we know your generosity is appreciated very much. And we know there are other Angels out there. We hope to hear their stories, from them or from a friend.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Submitted by Jim Lee

The Federal Way Senior Center computer classroom has a need for some instructors to help with classes on Computer beginners, MS Office 2010, 2013, internet classes, Email, Windows 7, Windows 8, & 8.1.

The classes are for adults only, primarily seniors; they are informal and usually small. We use the "teach yourself visually" book for all the classes which the students are required to purchase.

The requirements for teaching the classes are to be familiar with computers, or in laymen terms, "Computer literate" and not an expert. There are no requirements for having a teachers credentials or even a college degree. The book is self-explanatory and easy to use and understand.

Notice:

There will be an open house at the Federal Way Computer classroom at 4016 South 352nd St. Auburn, WA 98001, on Jan 9, 2014 at 1: pm until whenever. Come see our classroom, meet the instructors and maybe sign up for some classes, if we have what you need, and we hopefully will,

Call Larry Malcom @ 253-839-5418
Jim Lee@ 253-735-9435 evenings & week end
253-927-6974 daytime

SOCIAL SECURITY COLUMN

By Ed Evans

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Seattle

RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A COLA

Many people ring in the new year with Champagne. People who receive Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) get to ring it in with a COLA. This year, more than 60 million Americans are receiving a 1.5 percent cost of living adjustment (COLA) in their monthly benefit payment.

The 1.5 percent COLA begins with increased benefits for more than 57 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2014, and payments to more than 8 million SSI recipients in late December 2013.

The estimated average monthly Social Security payment to a retired worker is \$1,294 (in 2014), up from

\$1,275 (in 2013). The average monthly Social Security disability payment for an individual is \$1,148 (in 2014), up from \$1,131 (in 2013).

The basic monthly federal payment for SSI is \$721 (in 2014), up from \$710 (in 2013).

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. For example, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security payroll tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$117,000, up from \$113,700. Of the estimated 165 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2014, about 10 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

The amount of earnings needed for one credit of Social Security coverage has gone up as well, but all workers can still earn up to four credits in a year. In 2014, a worker earns a credit after earning \$1,200. In 2013, one credit of coverage was \$1,160. It takes forty credits to be fully insured for retirement benefits.

Information about Medicare changes for 2014 is available at www.medicare.gov.

Visit www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice to learn more about the COLA and other Social Security changes in 2014.

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR TAX SEASON

Wise taxpayers may want to take advantage of winter months indoors to prepare for tax filing season this spring. Whether you are a small business owner, a retiree, or a new parent, here are some Social Security tax tips that may help you.

Are Social Security benefits taxable? Yes, for some people with higher incomes. About one third of those receiving Social Security benefits must pay taxes on some of their Social Security benefits, depending on the amount of their taxable income. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/taxes.htm.

Will I get a tax form for my Social Security benefits? Yes. Beneficiaries should receive their Social Security Benefit Statements (Form SSA-1099) for tax year 2013 on or before January 31, 2014. If you receive Social Security and don't receive your 1099 by the end of January, you can request one online at www.socialsecurity.gov/1099.

Does Social Security have any tips at this time of year for those filing their taxes? Yes. We encourage you to carefully check: your name, Social Security number, and all data

on your W-2s; your online *Social Security Statement*; and your Social Security card to make sure they all match. If you don't have access to your card or *Statement* but know your Social Security number, make sure the number and information is correct on your W-2s. A mismatch could delay your tax refund and cause problems with your Social Security benefits in the future. Such errors are much easier to fix early on. If you do notice an error, contact Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778), or if the information on the W-2 is incorrect, notify your employer.

For more information about Social Security, visit www.socialsecurity.gov.

From everyone at Social Security, have a Happy New Year.

Newsletter Co-editor

By -- The previous Co-Editor, Micki Brown

I'd like to take a moment to thank a lady who stepped in and stepped up to cover my previous job with the Heritage Bluebills. That'd be my friend, Mary Ulibarri. She now transcribes the minutes of our monthly meetings and provides great coverage on the wonderful speakers and their presentations. So, how do I know this? Well, my husband and I have been in Arizona for several months now and I'm always excited to see that folded newsletter appearing in our mailbox! I feel like I attended the meetings and enjoy reading about all the hard work our membership provides to those who are less fortunate.

You can count on flawless articles, as she puts out a quality product all the time, every time. Having worked with her for quite a few years in Boeing's Corporate Law Department, she caught me a few times before I embarrassed myself in front of co-workers by catching trivial and critical submissions. Oh, and you can find her every Tuesday at the Bluebills office.

Speaker January 31st

By Jim Beasley

Millard Battles graduated from the University of Notre Dame where he received a BS and an MS in Mathematics, with a minor in Physics and Electrical Engineering. The Boeing Company sponsored him as a Sloan Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received an MS Degree in Management Science. In 2000, Seattle University honored on him the degree, Doctor of Education Humanities, *honoris causa*.

Millard became a research engineer for The Boeing Company in 1958. During his 35 years with Boeing he held a number of management and executive positions in various departments. He was Consultant to the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and he was appointed as Boeing Marine Systems General Manager in June 1985, he served as Program manager of the E-6 and several Naval projects. In 1992, assumed the total responsibility of Navy and Maritime Electronics Programs. Millard retired as an Executive from the Boeing Company on April 1, 1993.

In addition to his business career, Millard was active in numerous educational leadership positions. These include the Kent School Board, Washington State School Directors Association, the Washington State Board of Education, and the Washington Business Roundtable Education 'Working' Committee, a member of the National Task Force on Education Reform, and a member of the Advisory Committee for the Department of Education at Washington State University. He also held various teaching positions on a part-time basis at the University of Washington School of Engineering and the Renton Vocational Technical School.

Millard has been involved in his church by serving on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, the Founding and Strategic Planning Committee for St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church. He served many years in various positions with the Chief Seattle Council Boy Scouts of America. Other benevolent organizations include: United Way Campaign, Kent Historical Society, and past Chair of the Board of Washington Elder Care and, past Chair of the Boeing Bluebills retirees. Millard has been CERT trained in 1012 and has received his HAM KF7WDL license.

Currently Millard resides with his wife Martha at Wesley Homes Lea Hill where he has served as chair of the Resident Council and is active on several committees. He has five children, 11 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

By Micki Brown & Mary Ulibarri

*'Twas two days before Christmas
The volunteers did arrive,
With spirit and good cheer to share!*

*There were many busy hands
As they filled the gift bags,
All decorated for good times in the New Year!*

*Counting out candy, and packing fuzzy bears,
Boeing pencils and lovely greeting cards to cheer,
Those gift bags were filled with nuff time to spare!*

*The bags were all gathered in large festive boxes,
And whisked off for delivery to those lucky folks,
With best wishes from all the Bluebill volunteers!*

New Years Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.



Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.



The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings.



Please give the leaders of our world
A courage born of peace
That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease.



Please give to all upon this earth
A heart that's filled with love
A gentle happy way to live
With Your blessings from above.

~ Charlotte Anselmo ~

Calendar of Events 2014

- Jan 16** Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Jan 31** Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Feb 13 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Feb 28 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Mar 13 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Mar 28 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Apr 10 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Apr 25 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- May 15 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- May 30 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Jun 12 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Jun 27 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Jul 10 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Jul 25 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Aug 14 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Aug ? Chapter Picnic
- Sep 11 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Sep 26 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Oct 16 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Oct 31 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Nov 13 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Nov 21 Chapter Monthly Meeting
- Dec 11 Heritage Leadership Meeting
- Dec 19 Chapter Monthly Meeting

Food Bank Schedule For 2014

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

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson
3715 East Valley Road
Renton, WA

January 31, 2014

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

Speaker: Millard Battles

Topic: “TRIALS and TRIBULATIONS of a BOEING E-6 PROGRAM MANAGER”

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 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 or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

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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.

