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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



End of Year Lessons Learned
and Plans

When you read this, Christmas Holidays with family and friends will be over, you will be getting over the football bowl season and celebrating New Years. Hope all your school teams are successful and you revisited all the relatives you haven't seen all year. For us Navy people, the Army-Navy football game was a win for the 14th time. Even better, that means the Navy wins the Commanders Trophy among the armed services.

At our December 18th meeting we selected our officers, for the next year since no new candidates appeared. As a result, your officers from last year will be remaining as your new officers, Doug Hoople as Chairman with Don Hilt and Howard Syder as Vice-Chairmen. As your returning Chairman I intend to go forward with the plan I outlined in my October newsletter comments.

In addition to that effort, we all need to be aware of the opportunities to become involved with the activities associated with the joint Boeing 100th and Museum of Flight 50th year celebrations happening next year. This will be an excellent time to work with active Boeing employees and introduce them to the Bluebills. Whether you are a volunteer or are just a visitor

to these events, we need to make sure that any Boeing employee you communicate with is aware that there is a Boeing retirees volunteer program called the Bluebills. Wear your Bluebills shirts and hats. Ask them to join us.

This past year has been a learning experience. One of the major lessons for me is our officers need to be in the Bluebill office during the week to keep things moving. I started coming in on Tuesdays but to accomplish my plan I need to be there on Thursdays also. I will need more time.

There are many items that can't be accomplished at a monthly meeting so we need others in the office. There is a small group of volunteers who come in on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at the office, taking care of the everyday office matters, keeping up the records, recording volunteer activity, communicating with members and getting the newsletter out.

At the end of this monthly Chairman's Corner notes I would like to thank all those Bluebills who come into the Bluebills office to help.

Happy
New Year!

Busy B's

by Janice Hawes



Hi Bluebills,

We had our year end distribution of the items we have collected all year for six area food banks on Dec. 1st and we are now on "vacation" until January 19th.

Two of our Busy B's are on the disabled list. Jean Derheim and Marcia Phelps both had surgery recently and we all wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them in January.

We had a pretty productive year and the following is what we made and where it went:

- 21 afghans went to a nursing home in Renton.
- 241 crocheted baby hats went to Valley Medical Center and the
- Pediatric Interim Clinic (PIC)
- 12 hats for cancer patients went to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance
- 24 quilts and 11 lap robes went to the Veteran's Hospital
- 292 medical dolls went to Children's Hospital
- 11 quilted bags went to Children's Hospital
- 87 children's quilts went to Children's Hospital and Child Haven
- 6 pair of children's pants went to Child Haven
- 34 Pillow cases went to the USO
- 10 fleece blankets went to the USO

We gave 6 area food banks each 456 stuffed animals, 60 dolls, 138 crocheted items such as mittens, scarves and hats.

The total of all of this is 1,403 items.

We would like to thank Karen Baker who made the children's pants, Florence Studer for the cancer hats and Estelle Meade for the afghans and children's crocheted items, and Kathy Lyons for the baby hats, and Don Hilt who keeps us supplied with stuffing for the medical dolls and everyone who has donated fabric. You are much appreciated



We had the drawing for the raffle quilt at the Christmas potluck and the winner was Doug Hoople. Doug has been a strong supporter for all of our raffles and we're all glad he was the winner. We made a total of 85 dollars, which will go into our supply "kitty". Thanks to everyone who participated.

In January I'll finish writing about the rest of our Busy B's.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Best wishes for 2016

Christmas Bags for Fred Hutch

Kids by Bill Baker

On December 1st a number of Bluebills, including Mary Ulibarri, Karen and Bill Baker (pictured), packaged up 60 bags of Christmas candy and goodies for kids in cancer care treatment.



December Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibari



Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He recognized Millard Battles as the only member present with a December birthday. There was one December anniversary - Jerome Durbin. He then welcomed a new member, Brad Gupta, who has agreed to help out with education matters for the Bluebills.

Doug stated there are still no new candidates nominated for officer positions, so asked for a show of hands to approve retaining the current officers. All hands went up and as much as new officers are a good thing, members were not unhappy to have our tried and true leadership for another year.

Karen Baker announced she was passing around a card to sign for Marcia Phelps, our new Bluebills Historian, who recently had surgery. She is doing well, on the mend and we all send our best wishes.

Don Hilt then displayed a brown paper bag and dared the attendees to guess what was inside. After many imaginative guesses, Carmel Camerini hit the jackpot and won a lovely carved statue of an eagle.

Then it was time to find out the winners of the "Bingo" game that took place during the social period. Everyone was welcome to take a "Bingo" card when they signed in at the door. There were five categories with five squares of various questions that one needed to ask different attendees and that person would sign the square. There were many interesting questions and a number of winners announced whose squares were filled in the correct patterns. It was a challenging and fun way to socialize and win a prize.

He then asked the attendees a question that had even the engineers in attendance stumped. Why is a manhole cover round?

It was then time for everyone to line up for the wonderful potluck buffet. As usual there was a large variety in every category: appetizers, main dishes, salads, side dishes and scrumptious desserts. A big thanks to all who contributed to a successful and delicious meal.

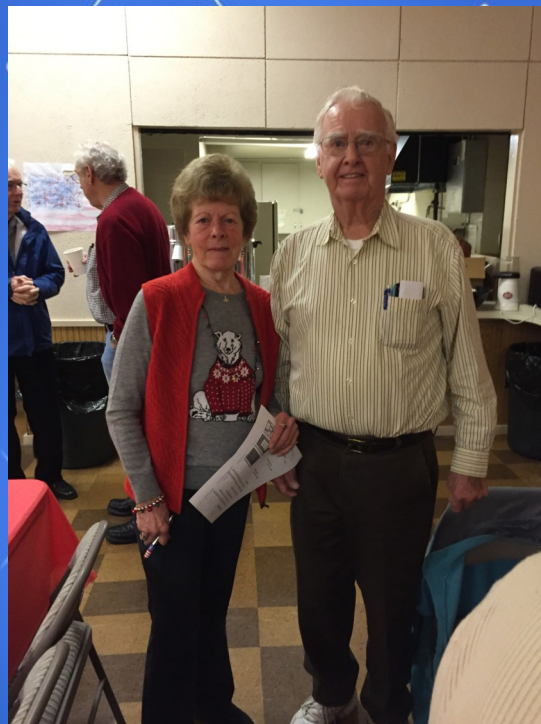
After lunch, Heinz Gehlhaar wanted to thank the kind Bluebill who gave his wife, Eileen Bear, the nice blanket. Very much appreciated. Eileen has her struggles, but they are blessed with supportive friends, family and caregivers.

Doug then proceeded with the door prize drawings and there were many festively decorated packages on all of the tables from which to pick.

And lastly, Jim Beasley encouraged everyone to attend the January meeting when the speakers will be Caroline Maillard, Community Investor: Education, Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship, and Carol Thompson, Volunteer Coordinator, Museum of Flight. They will be discussing the Boeing 100th Anniversary activities and suggesting some ways our members can participate. Please plan to attend and give them a big welcome.

Oh yeah, the answer to the manhole cover question: the cover is round so that it cannot be dropped through the hole and fall on someone who may be working below.





Happy Holidays!

Calendar of Events 2016

Jan 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 09	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug TBD	Heritage Chapter Picnic (TBD)
Sep 08	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 08	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 16	Chapter Monthly Meeting

Food Bank Schedule For 2016

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	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Open
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Open

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

January 29, 2016

10:00 AM Social—10:30 AM to 12 Noon Meeting



Speakers: Caroline Maillard, Community Investor: Education, Boeing Global Corporate Citizenship

Carol Thomson, Coordinator, Museum of Flight

Topic: “Boeing 100th Anniversary activities”

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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)

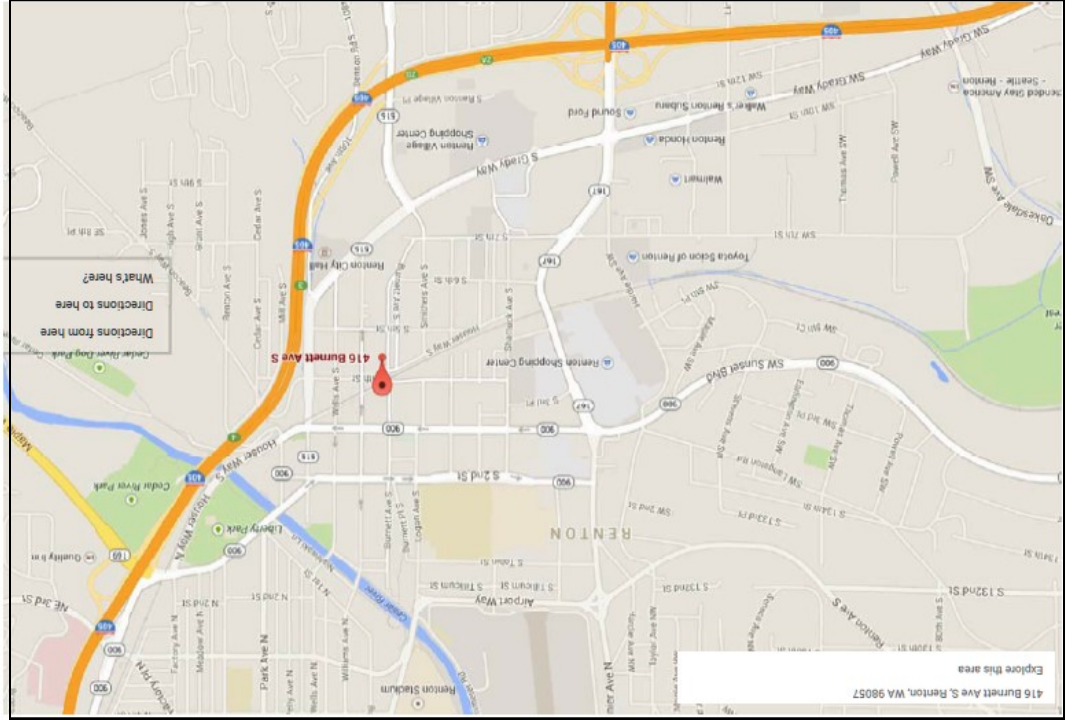
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124

Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting: 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton WA 98057



From the **north** take 405 S to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N to 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. Continue three blocks to VFW.

