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Chairman's Corner

By Richard Vaughn



This is the last Chairman's report that I will be writing. It is a report I do not like to write as I go out of the office of Heritage Chapter Chairman on January 1, 2019, but I feel that it is necessary.

The Bluebills have been the most dedicated group of volunteers that I have had the pleasure of working with to help those in need and to support the communities under the name of the Boeing Bluebills Retirees' organization.

For several months now the leadership committee has been reminding our members through the monthly newsletter, making our plea at the monthly meetings, and personally talking to members about the need for candidates to run for the positions of chairman and two vice-chairmen for the upcoming New Year 2019. We have received no responses and now the new year is here. Due to no candidates we have not had an election and there is no leadership team to help this chapter stay alive. I am very disappointed in our membership in that no one seems to be interested enough in the organization to step up and help keep it operating. I am also very disappointed in Boeing's support to the Bluebills. The year 2019 will be the 25th anniversary of the Bluebills organization and our Heritage Chapter members and Boeing seems to care less.

That said, I really hope Heritage Chapter and Boeing Management will step up to the plate and keep the Bluebills alive. We have had great accomplishments in the years of our existence and it is my hope that somehow Bluebills will be able to continue helping those of our communities who need a helping hand.

I want to extend my thanks to all of you who have been supporters over the years and especially those who helped us this past year. Thank you. *Richard*

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all those who have worked to provide articles and address Newsletters each month. Without you this Newsletter would not have been possible.

*Due to changing changes in Boeing our Newsletter could not be printed this month but is available in color on the web at <http://www.bluebills.org/heritagenewsletters.html>. Hopefully the publication will continue in print with the February 2019 issue. Your Co-editor Dick. **Happy New Year!***

Busy B's

from Janice Hawes



Happy New Year Bluebills.

At the Christmas potluck last Friday we had the drawing for the Seahawks quilt. Melinda Stubbs had the winning ticket!



We want to thank everyone who bought tickets. The money from the ticket sales totaled \$163 and that will help a lot to buy more supplies to make more quilts.

The Seahawks quilt was designed and made by Lisa Nyreen who also designed and made the patriotic wall hanging that was presented to the VFW's John Rickenbach to thank them for the use of the hall every month.

Janice

Speaker for January

By: Jim Beasley

The speaker for January will be Cathy Fillpelli, from Boeing Corporate in Chicago. Her presentation "Boeing Retirement and Financial Well Being" will include an overview of funding and liquidity and the topics:

- Retiree Challenges
- Income Solutions© Program



Lt. Col. Arthur Clyde Mussman, USAF (Ret.) 1932-2018

Arthur Clyde Mussman, born in Cincinnati Ohio on March 18, 1932

to Walter Blaine and Evelyn Clyde (Stanforth) Mussman. His Dad served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and died in the service of his country. He gradu-

ated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1954, and entered the US Air Force as a Lieutenant.

While stationed in Darmstadt, Germany, he met Mary Ellen Yost who was teaching in the Darmstadt American School. They married on 1 February 1958 in the Darmstadt Post Chapel.

In 1979, Art and Mary retired from Air Force life and settled in Renton, where Art began a second career as a system analyst with Boeing. He had a severe stroke in 1990 and took a disability retirement from Boeing in 1992, moved to Kirkland and dedicated themselves to family and volunteer work. In 2017, he was honored with the state of Washington AARP Andrus Award for community involvement.

Art passed away on December 13, 2018 from pneumonia. He is survived by his daughter Anne Vitolo, his son Michael, and two half-sisters, Susan Stanforth of Rockford, IL, and Betsy (Rick) Gausling of Cincinnati.

A memorial celebration will be held January 21, 2019 at 10am at St Jude Catholic Church, 10526 166th Ave. NE, Redmond WA. Interment will be at Tahoma National Cemetery.

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Debs daughters were there as well.'*

Newsletter Editor's Note

Art was instrumental in developing the Bluebills Volunteer Data Base in 1995.



December Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

The meeting was started with Richard leading the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two December birthdays - Millard Battles and Helen Lowe – and one December anniversary – Bob and Melinda Stubbs. Guests in attendance were Bud Battles and his fiancée Juliet Odero, who will participate as featured speakers and John Rickenbach who is Commander of VFW Post 1263. Richard thanked him for all his support to the Bluebills and presented him with a small patriotic wall hanging quilted by the Busy Bs.



Richard announced there would be no print newsletter distributed in January due to Boeing suspending the charge line numbers during the holiday shutdown. Members can read it on line at www.bluebills.org. He also stressed the need for members to step forward to fill the leadership positions for next year. Also, please spread the word about the Bluebills to other Boeing employees. We are sorely in need of new members.

Oscar Olague thanked the Busy Bs for once again donating 20 medical dolls, 81 Christmas quilts and 125 hats to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, plus 30 bags of candy, stuffed toys and coloring crayons to Children's Hospital.

Bill Baker thanked Norma and Richard Vaughn for keeping the office and many other things going on behalf of the Bluebills and Norma again stressed the need for new officers for the Heritage and Central Councils. There was also recognition for the work of the BB newsletter editor, Dick Beham, and co-editor, Mary Ulibarri. Plus many thanks to Eleanor Skinner for her dedication at the sign-in desk and food bank collections. And, thanks to Tom Moberg's help as the VFW facility coordinator.

The speaker this month was our own Millard Battles sharing his and Martha's trip to Southern Africa. With the help of a power point presentation, Millard's son, Bud and his fiancé Juliet Onero, gave us a very interesting presentation of Kenya. But first, Bud shared exciting news. He proposed recently to Juliet at the top of the Space Needle. Congratulations!

Bud met Juliet four years ago while his wife, Jan, was battling cancer. Before Jan died, she requested that monies raised go to build a well and kitchen for the St. Michael's Girls Secondary School where Juliet was associated. Over \$10,000 was raised for these projects.

The Kenya custom is for prospective "in laws" families to visit each other and get to know their customs and life styles. That is when Millard and wife, Martha, were invited to visit Juliet, her two brother's families. Bud and Juliet organized and conducted an extensive visit from the coastal town of Mombasa on the Indian Ocean where Juliet lives, to Nairobi, the capital, where Juliet's brothers live, and to Kisumu on Lake Victoria where her parents live. Millard and Martha stayed with one brother, Francis, his wife Immaculate and their two children, Tony and Joyce, while in Nairobi and several days visiting with her parents in Kisumu.

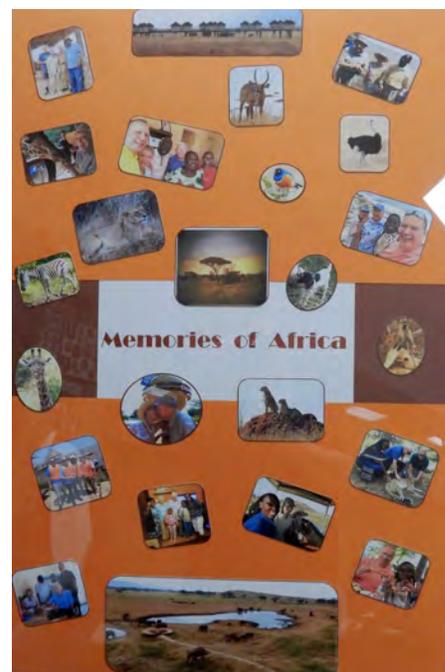
Bud had some slides from his last two trips which entertained and informed us of the various animals and birds they saw while spending three days at Salt Lick Game Lodge in the Taita Hills. It was amazing how close they were able to get to these wild animals and not frighten them.

Juliet shared some of the details of Kenya customs and life style and answered questions from the audience. She "played" a musical instrument which is used for their tribal dances. Plus, they had brought some carved

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wood figures, a woven basket, table cloth, not to mention the lovely colored patterned blouse and shirts they were wearing.

We enjoyed the stories and information about Kenya and were all thrilled with the happiness displayed by Bud and Juliet about their engagement.



Richard then had the door prize drawing, which included a number of charming wooden reindeer figurines he had made. Thank you, Richard. And last, but not least, was the drawing for the handmade Seahawks quilt. Congratulations, Melinda Stubbs. The attendees then lined up to partake in all the delicious potluck items. There was a wide variety, including delicious desserts.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy new year.

A FOND FAREWELL

From Ron Hanson Bluebills Computing

It has been a rollercoaster year for us. Ron recovered from his hip replacement in 2017 and then his back started complaining. The lower three vertebrae are bone on bone making standing or walking for more than 15-20 minutes extremely painful.



It became clear that we could not keep up our house and garden. Seattle was becoming a crazier, crowded, more costly place to live.

After 43 years in our home, it was hard to leave, but it was time. We started cleaning out and looking for a condo in Idaho that we would be comfortable in. We found one

in Post Falls right on the Spokane River about 15 minutes from daughter, son-in-law and our two grandchildren in Coeur d'Alene.

We just couldn't give up a water view.

It took until August to get the house ready to put on the market – just as the market changed from a seller's market to a buyer's market. We have finally sold and will close on December 17th and move to Post Fall on the 18th.

We wish to all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and joy in all your adventures!

Christmas Potluck

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Calendar of Events 2019

Jan 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
<i>Feb 14</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Feb 22</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Mar 14</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Mar 29</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Apr 11</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Apr 26</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)</i>
<i>May 16</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>May 31</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jun 13</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Jun 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jul 11</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Jul 26</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Aug 15</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Aug 23</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Sep 12</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Sept 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Oct 10</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Oct 25</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Nov 14</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Heritage Leadership Meeting</i>
<i>Dec 20</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)</i>

Food Bank Schedule For 2019

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

January	Highline	Heinz Gehlhaar
<i>February</i>	<i>Bellevue</i>	<i>Doug Hoople</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Federal Way</i>	<i>Jim Lee</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Maple Valley</i>	<i>Vaughn's</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Kent</i>	<i>Bob 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>Ted & Judy Leyden</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>Issaquah</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Des Moines</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



January 25, 2019

10:00AM Social,

10:30AM to 12:00 Noon Meeting

Speaker: Cathy Fillppelli, Boeing Corporate

Subject: "Boeing Retirement & Financial Well Being"

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 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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(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

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

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting Directions

From the **north** take 405 S 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 left on Talbot Rd. Then turn right on 7th St and then left on Burnett Ave S. Continue three blocks to VFW.

