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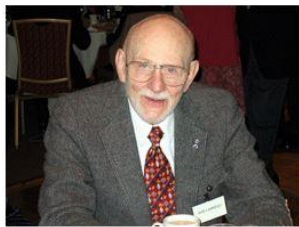
History



The **Bluebills**, named after the first airplane that Boeing built, was established in 1994 as a group of Boeing retiree volunteers. According to historical records provided by Bob Lambert and Richard and Norma Vaughn, "The time proved to be right. There was a pressing need. 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 ...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.

Initially it was the Heritage Seattle chapter, with Sno-King Everett chapter added in 1995, and Olympic Peninsula (Jefferson, Clallam, Kitsap counties) chapter added in 1998. In 2003 there were 1500 members in addition to scores of others who had not made a formal connection, making it the company's largest and most active volunteer organization. Then, in the 2017 time period, Boeing realigned their engagement with retiree organizations, wished the Bluebills well, and discontinued their formal support. Thus, only the Heritage and rebranded Oly chapter, which became the "Peninsula Support Organization Bluebills" and established itself as a 501 (c)3 Non-Profit, remained.



Bob Lambert was instrumental in getting the company's interest and support.



December Meeting Summary

By Micki Brown

Our holidays celebration began Friday morning with a cluster of dedicated



Bluebill members huddled on a cold but cheery Friday. While there was no formal meeting, the group found warm hugs and the warmth of friendship filled us!



Bluebills 30th Anniversary Cake

Presentation for January 31st General Meeting

By: Jim Beasley



Our Speaker for January will be [Melissa Davis](#), Seattle Times Editorial Board member. Her presentation will address Washington State Recycling Systems.

Melissa joined the editorial board after 17 years in The Seattle Times newsroom as a copy editor, arts editor and front-page editor/copy desk chief. She returned to the Northwest after six years in a Central California newsroom – a dry, citrus-filled break from many years at small Oregon dailies. A native Oregonian, she graduated from the University of Oregon School of Journalism.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday January 31st.

Busy Bees Report

by Milinda Stubbs

The Busy Bees Quilt Raffle - Extended to January 31st.

This will be your last chance for one of the 5 lovely quilts selected for this year's raffle with the drawing to be held Friday January 31st.

Raffle tickets are \$1 dollar each. They help us purchase batting by the roll as well as flannel or other fabrics for backing for some quilts. Periodically we need to purchase replacement blades for our rotary cutters, needles for our sewing machines. One of our well used sewing machines may need a tune-up this winter.

Photos of this year's selections include a 23"x25" quilt made with a dog print fabric. Perfect for your favorite pooch or if a child chooses to use it for a doll bed or wrap a special toy up on a cold day.



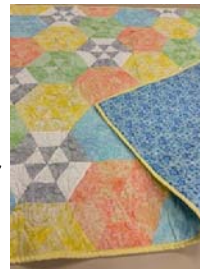
To be fair, we also have a quilt 27"x 41" with cat print fabric in case you choose to lay it across the foot of the bed for your favorite feline or in a chair or on the sofa so your special cat knows where they can sleep. Or wrap yourself up in a very cheerful fabric.

Now for us adults, there is a beautiful duck print with a gray flannel backing that is XLG, enough for 2 people to cuddle on the sofa. Or one person totally wrapped up on a cold day or camping or in an RV.

A second duck print motif has beautiful shades of blue & white quilted on the back. Perfect size to cuddle in a chair to read or watch TV.



A cheerful pastel quilt will cheer you up just looking at it much less cuddling under it. Could hang it to cheer up a room for our dreary NW weather. A stunning Asian



fabric with black, red & gold colors. Very striking in a home with those colors.

All of these quilts are made with cotton fabric & very washable. They are meant to be used.



We appreciate your support by purchasing a raffle ticket. If you wish to purchase raffle tickets but are unable to attend in person, please contact [Milinda Stubbs](#) to arrange purchase.



Securing today
and tomorrow

Submitted by: Micki Brown

Survivors Benefits Toolkit

The [Social Security Survivors Benefits Toolkit – A Guide for Organizations](#) increases awareness about benefits for survivors after the loss of a family member. This toolkit includes information about:

- Eligibility requirements;
- Types of evidence we need; and
- How to apply.

Government Imposter Scams

To learn about government imposter scams, check out our latest episode of [SSA Talks!](#)

In this episode, Rebecca Rose, Senior Public Affairs Specialist in SSA's Office of the Inspector General, discusses the tactics scammers use and where to report them. Recognizing the signs of a scam gives you the power to ignore criminals and report the scam.

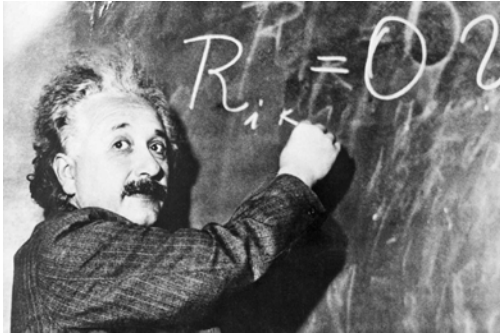
This episode also features Kate Kleinert, a widow who lost \$39,000 to a romance scam.

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5 Ways Albert Einstein Changed the World



German-born physicist Albert Einstein (1879-1955) was so influential, his very name has become synonymous with genius. While working as a patent clerk in 1905 at the age of 26, Einstein submitted four papers to the German journal *Annalen der Physik* that changed humanity's perception of time, gravity, and light. Today, historians mark the year as Einstein's *annus mirabilis*, or "miracle year" — and he was just getting started.

Much of Einstein's work is famously dense. Few people other than physicists need to fully comprehend the mind-bending ideas behind the general theory of relativity and Einstein's other theories, but these discoveries form the bedrock of technologies the rest of us enjoy every day. Here are five ways Einstein's ideas changed the world, and continue to provide a roadmap for humanity's future.

GPS Would Be Impossible Without the General Theory of Relativity

Some 10,900 nautical miles above our heads, 31 satellites orbit Earth as part of the Global Positioning System (GPS) — but if it wasn't for Einstein, those satellites would be little more than space junk. The very foundation of GPS is accurate timekeeping, as satellites need to keep time to correctly log the distance from a ground-based receiver (such as your smartphone). GPS satellites are so precise, the atomic clocks on board are accurate to [within three-billionths of a second](#), a feat impossible without Einstein's special and general theories of relativity. The [special theory of relativity](#) states that time flows differently depending on velocity. Because satellites travel at 8,700 miles per hour, they "lose" [7 microseconds per day](#) compared to Earth-based receivers. Additionally, Einstein's [general theory of relativity](#) — an idea published in 1915 that basically elaborates on his previous theory by throwing gravity in the mix — similarly states that distance from a source of mass, in this case the earth, *also* affects the flow of time. This means that technically speaking, your [head ages slightly faster than your feet](#) because your feet

are closer to the Earth (on time scales that are ultimately negligible). Today, GPS takes into account this “time dilation,” so satellites always know where you are when you open Google Maps.

Last Call

At midnight on [December 31, 1915](#), Washington state [went dry](#) nearly five years before the rest of the nation came under the rule of [Prohibition](#). In [Spokane](#) the legendary liquor tycoon [Jimmie Durkin](#) put on a "Be in at the Death" whiskey sale, and bootleggers began planning how to [transport liquor](#) in and out of the city. Seattle's first [booze bust](#) took place just two hours and 55 minutes after the law went into effect.

Some scholars argue that the prohibition movement in Washington really began with efforts to [ban cigarettes](#), but when those failed, grassroots organizations like the [Woman's Christian Temperance Union](#) increased their efforts to ban alcohol. By the 1910s, prohibition advocacy was strongest in [rural communities](#), but quickly spread to the big cities. In Seattle, Reverend [Mark Matthews](#) held daily revival meetings that galvanized support among evangelical Christians.

The statewide ban [approved by voters in 1914](#) gave Washingtonians a year to comply and allowed for the consumption of small amounts of imported liquor, but after the 1919 ratification of 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, all of America went "bone dry." What came next was a conglomeration of [crime](#), [conspiracy](#), and [corruption](#), which eventually factored into efforts to [repeal](#) it. Soon after Prohibition ended on [New Year's Eve, 1932](#), [breweries](#) opened or [reopened](#), the [wine industry](#) got a fresh start, and taps began to flow at bars and [taverns](#) throughout the state.

Starting Off Right

What better time than the New Year to start new counties and towns? On December 29, 1859, the Washington Territorial Legislation created [Klickitat County](#). [Ellensburg](#) incorporated on [New Year's Day, 1884](#). And [Zillah](#) incorporated on [New Year's Eve, 1910](#), as did Tolt (later, [Carnation](#)) on [New Year's Eve, 1912](#).

Sports Fans' Delight

The [January 1, 1918](#) Rose Bowl pitted Washington's Camp Lewis 91st Division football team against the Mare Island Marines. And the Everett High football team won the [national high school title](#) on January 1, 1921, and later that evening, the

city's Black community hosted a party for opposing football star [Jack Trice](#).

BITS & PIECES



Bluehills Heritage Chapter Meeting

January

January 31, 2025

Social: 10:00 AM

Meeting 10:30 - Potluck 11:00 AM



Speaker: Melissa Davis, Seattle Times Editorial Board

Subject: How 'Commingled' recycling fails us.



Come to the meeting, enjoy coffee, donuts, informative presentations, and socialize with other Boeing retirees.

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW

Calendar of Events 2025 In Person Meetings

<i>Jan 31</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>	<i>Jul 25</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Feb 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>	<i>Aug 29</i>	<i>Chapter Picnic/Potluck</i>
<i>Mar 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>	<i>Sept 26</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Apr 25</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>	<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>May 30</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>	<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jun 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>Chapter Holiday Potluck</i>

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