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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



Last month I began my comments with “Hold the press, Is All Lost!” I later asked a question or two and asked for your comments on what we need to do to move the Bluebills forward.

I would like to thank the two people who provided me with input. I will not identify those individuals; you know who it wasn't. They had valid comments on the state of the Bluebills that were all true.

Why don't people join? When you first retire you may want to travel, unwind or just get away from Boeing. (Note: In the future, this will be worse. With the new employee plans, you don't “retire” from Boeing. There are no retirement plans just a 401K. So you just stop working for Boeing, you may not feel like you retired from Boeing.) Some engineers and IT people who were just offered an early retirement, may never want another association with Boeing.

People join clubs because they offer something they want. What do the Bluebills offer? Volunteers need independence and satisfaction.

All comments can be easily validated by looking at us. Now it's time for the rest of you to reread last month's newsletter and send me some thoughts.

The Boeing Community Relations group has finally put together the final plans for the Boeing Centennial – Founders Day Weekend at the Museum of Flight on July 15-17. There are several opportunities for us to participate in a Boeing Bluebills or USO Tent to provide current Boeing employees and the general public with important information. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for a list of times and dates to help.

Old Dogs can learn new tricks. As I drove back from volunteering with the National Park Service at the annual Grand Canyon Star Party I learned a valuable lesson. I pulled into a gas station in Kennewick. I went to the pump on the far right hand side so my RV trailer would not block any other pumps. As I was about to leave a truck driver walked up and politely asked me if I knew I was blocking the only Diesel pump? I looked across the gas station and he was correct.

I'll admit most of the gas stations in Bellevue have a Diesel nozzle at every pump location. But not at this station. At many of the gas stations outside of our big cities there is only one Diesel nozzle.

After I apologized for my lack of consideration for Diesel drivers I decided to become a convert to the idea of making sure I'm thinking about those other drivers who are out there who just can't pull up to any pump

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to get fuel. How many of you have thought about Diesel drivers?

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see a request from Bill Baker for a volunteer to become the recorder for our Heritage Leadership Committee meeting (usually the 2nd Thursday of the Month). Bill has been doing an outstanding job of getting the minutes out for these meeting for many years. Please consider your busy schedules and see if you could replace him.

For our picnic in August we will have competition of the best appetizer. So all you cooks out there start looking up your recipes, warm up your pots and pans while the rest of us ready our taste buds.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

For my July column I am featuring an Honorary Busy B, Zip Zuther. This remarkable gentleman has been picking up and delivering our quilts and medical dolls to Children's Hospital for many years, as well as taking us for tours there.

Zip is from Rib Lake, Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, where he met his future wife, Carol. Upon graduation, he was recruited by Boeing to work in Seattle.



The following is in his own words.

"I had a very interesting career after graduating from high school in 1949. I spent 4 years in the U.S. Air Force, from January 1951 through December 1954. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee in 1959 with a BBA degree, majoring in Industrial Management. I accepted employment with Boeing in July 1959 and retired in August 1993, after working 34 years on various programs - all in aerospace, starting as a tool production planner on BOMARC, then switched to program planning with Minuteman, AWACS, Roland, Advanced Tactical Fighter and Airborne Optical.

In 1993 I started a second career as a volunteer for the Fred Hutch/SCCA and with the Boeing Retirees Volunteers, Bluebill Heritage Chapter. Both groups offered many rewarding experiences working with SCCA patient family members and working with the Bluebills. I officially retired from the SCCA Volunteer Ser-

vice Group after 21 years. A very nice letter from them states: "we would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks for your involvement in all the roles, (Guest Services, Concierge, Patient Family, Volunteer Advisory Council, Driver, Housing Guide and Events Committee) that you volunteered in for the past 21 years at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. The dedication that you have shown to the patients and families that we serve is an inspiration to all of us. We thank you for the support you offered the SCCA community. Through your involvement you have tangibly served SCCA patients and their families - a service that is invaluable to these families and goes a long way in making their experience in Seattle a more positive one. Your commitment and support over the years has been greatly appreciated by so many of our patients, families and staff - you have made a huge difference! Thank you again for your service and we wish you all the best. We look forward to seeing you and continuing to work with you related to all your amazing Bluebill involvement."

I will continue working with the Busy B's on taking donations to Children's Hospital Volunteer services and will also work with the Bluebill to package and deliver "goodie" bags for the Hutch School and Child Life Specialist Unit each Easter, Halloween, and Christmas. Thanks for the rewarding career, including being selected as 2006 Bluebill Volunteer of the Year."

Just a note from me, a recruiter from Boeing came to him in Wisconsin and offered him a job with Boeing. He accepted and he and Carol drove here. After entering the state, they liked what they saw and Carol said, "I want to live here!" They

bought a house in West Seattle in 1962 and still live there.

Another note, a volunteer at SCCA, Mary Irdinger, told Zip about the Bluebill Retiree Group which he then joined.

The Busy B's are so lucky to have worked with Zip and we so appreciate all he does for us. Thank you Zip!!

June Chapter Meeting Recap



By Jim Lee

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 2 May Birthdays, Bambi Lee and Lonnie Stevens (Missed May meeting) and 4 June birthdays, Bob Stubs, Jerry Durbin, Jim Beasley and Carla Becker. There were no anniversaries reported this month. No guests answered but one new member completed her questionnaire. Her name is Nancy Lee Davidson.

Nancy Lee worked in the Military division and she retired in 2000? (hope that is correct)

Welcome to the Bluebills Nancy. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings and events, perhaps at the picnic next month.

Announcements:

Jim Lee has an instructor lined up to teach a Face Book class to the Bluebills that are interested in taking the class or anyone else that might be interested in taking it. The time and date will be set up as soon as we get an idea of how many may want to take the class. Doug had a sign-up sheet at the counter.

This year's picnic will be on July 26 at Coulon Park in Renton, Shelter #1 and the focus of judging will be on "Appetizers" So bring your best and see if you can win a prize.

Jim Beasley then introduced Barbara Gray, Seattle Department of Transportation Deputy Director. Barbara is an urban planner with over 25 years of professional experience in transportation planning



and urban design, both in the private sector and with local government. She is currently a Deputy Director for the Seattle Department of Transportation. Her areas of professional practice focus on organizational management, street design, integrating land use and transportation planning, and pushing local government agencies to deliver great projects more effectively for communities. She led the staff effort to develop Seattle's Complete Streets Ordinance--the first official complete streets rule in the nation, managed Seattle's first citywide Pedestrian Master Plan and launched SDOT's Public Space Management program. She is coauthor of *Living Streets: Strategies for Crafting Public Space*.

Barbara talked about Seattle "Vision Zero" for zero accidents on its streets and one way was to make its intersections safer which they are doing with traffic circles which are 95% effective in preventing "T Bone" accidents, they are disliked by many but they are effective in keeping traffic moving and are safer.

That statement brought about a lot of questions and good answers about synchronizing the traffic lights to make traffic flow more easily. Seattle is the 2nd fastest growing city in the nation and the plan is Movability and Walkability and safety. There is no more capacity for roads and not much more land.

Barbara's talk was lengthy and very interesting with a lot of questions asked and the best thing I can tell you about it is, You should have been there!!

Doug concluded the meeting with the door prize drawings.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Boeing Centennial – Founders Day

Weekend, July 15-17, at the Museum of Flight is needing volunteers for two different tents. (*NOTE: Some Bluebills signed up for shifts at our June meeting.*)

We need 6 to 9 additional volunteers to be in the Boeing Bluebills tent. This tent will host Boeing Re-

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tirees who will be able to document their memories of working at Boeing. Shifts: Saturday (July 16) 3:00 to 6:00 pm, 6:00 to 10:00 pm and Sunday (July 17) 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

We need 11 to 16 additional volunteers to be in the USO tent. This tent will be providing information on how the USO supports our Active Duty Military and Veterans. And will also be showing thanks to the Boeing Company and Boeing Employees Community Fund for their generous support of USO Northwest. Shifts: Friday (July 15) 7:00 to 11:00 pm, Saturday (July 16) 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm, 3:00 to 6:00 pm, 6:00 to 10:00 pm and Sunday (July 17) 3:00 to 6:00 pm, 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

For more information or to sign up call Doug Hoople at 425-451-8111.

The Pacific Science Center, at 200 Second Avenue N. Seattle, is looking for a group of volunteers to work in a variety of jobs.

They need 40 Tinker Tank Facilitator Volunteers to facilitate inside the Tinker Tank, a space which aims to inspire visitors to explore new ideas through hands-on design experiences – using their hands, tools, and imaginations. Hours: 12:45 to 5:15 pm any day of the week.

30 volunteers are needed as Special Exhibit Volunteers with “The Art of the Brick,” which is the world’s largest display of LEGO art ever. Hours: 9:30 am to 2:00 pm or 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm any day of the week.

50 Guest Ambassador Volunteers are needed to help visitors find their way to key locations inside and outside the Science Center by providing clear and precise directional assistance. Hours are: 9:30 am to 2:00 pm or 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm any day of the week.

For more information or to apply for a volunteer position, please go to <https://www.pacificsciencecenter.org/>

[volunteers/](#) or contact Karin Pierce at 206-443-2865.

Heritage Chapter Recording Secretary Needed

For the past several years I have been recording and publishing the minutes of the Heritage Chapter monthly leadership meetings. Unfortunately, I can no longer continue note taking as my hearing is getting progressively worse. I hope someone will take over this responsibility. It is only a few hours a month and is an excellent way to learn what is going on in the chapter and make a valuable contribution. Please feel free to contact me to learn more about the position. Thank you, Bill Baker baker2721@comcast.net. 253-862-3005

Bellevue College Center For Career Connections...

held an appreciation luncheon on May 17th. This was attended by 8 of more than 16 Bluebill Volunteers who participated over the years in the mock interview process and supported the STEM activities at the college.

On behalf of Bellevue College, we would like to thank the Boeing Bluebills for extraordinary service to students and community members during the many years of our association. Since 2003 when Bob Lambert initiated the idea of providing job-search coaching assistance to those in career transition, until the present time, hundreds of job-seekers have benefited from the advice and counsel of the dedicated volunteers who contributed their expertise through the community service work of Boeing Bluebills at the college.

It has been an honor for the Center for Career Connections staff to work collaboratively with such talented and committed individuals and to have a chance to learn about their varied and impressive careers.

The important job of educating our nation's citizenry requires we utilize our best resources and talents from all sectors to help students accomplish

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their highest goals and fulfill their dreams. The work of Boeing Bluebills at Bellevue College has contributed in a meaningful way to our mutual work building a supportive network for students and members of the wider community. We are grateful for the many positive results the Bluebills have helped bring about for so many who utilized the counsel and gained the valuable work experience they desired.

Submitted by: Bert Goldstein

The Future of Social Security - Social Security Board of Trustees Annual Report

*By Kirk Larson
Social Security Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

The Social Security Board of Trustees released its annual report in June regarding the long-term financial status of the Social Security Trust Funds. The combined asset reserves of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Funds are projected to become depleted in 2034, the same as projected last year, with 79 percent of benefits payable at that time. The DI Trust Fund will become depleted in 2023, extended from last year's estimate of 2016, with 89 percent of benefits still payable.

In the 2016 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees announced:

The asset reserves of the combined OASDI Trust Funds increased by \$23 billion in 2015 to a total of \$2.81 trillion. The combined trust fund reserves are still growing and will continue to do so through 2019. Beginning in 2020, the total cost of the program is projected to exceed income. The year when the combined trust fund reserves are projected to become depleted, if Congress does not act before then, is 2034 – the same as projected last year. At that time, there will be sufficient income coming in to pay 79 percent of scheduled benefits. “Now is the time for people to engage in the important national conversation about how to keep

Social Security strong. The public understands the value of their earned benefits and the importance of keeping Social Security strong for the future.” Said Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner of Social Security.

Other highlights of the Trustees Report include:

- Total income, including interest, to the combined OASDI Trust Funds amounted to \$920 billion in 2015.
- Total expenditures from the combined OASDI Trust Funds amounted to \$897 billion in 2015. There were about 60 million beneficiaries at the end of the calendar year.
- Non-interest income fell below program costs in 2010 for the first time since 1983. Program costs are projected to exceed non-interest income throughout the remainder of the 75-year period.
- During 2015, an estimated 169 million people had earnings covered by Social Security and paid payroll taxes.
- The cost of \$6.2 billion to administer the Social Security program in 2015 was a very low 0.7 percent of total expenditures.
- The combined Trust Fund asset reserves earned interest at an effective annual rate of 3.4 percent in 2015.

View the 2016 Trustees Report at www.socialsecurity.gov/OACT/TR/2016/.

Count on Social Security Survivor Benefits To Protect Your Family

*By Kirk Larson
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Tragedy strikes without warning. For families who lose a wage earner, it can have a devastating financial impact in addition to the emotional one.

Acting Commissioner Carolyn Colvin says that Social Security touches the lives of every American,

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often in times of tragedy and uncertainty. It's true. Our programs go beyond retirement and disability benefits. Social Security helps care for the surviving families of deceased entitled workers.

If you work, some of the Social Security taxes you pay now go toward survivors benefits for workers and their families. In the event of your death, certain family members — widows, widowers (including your divorced spouse), children and dependent parents — may be eligible for survivors benefits. Today, in Washington State, there are over 110,000 widows/widowers and children receiving monthly benefits. The average payment is just over \$1,200 per month. Social Security's survivors benefits may be more valuable than your individual life insurance.

The benefit amount your family is eligible for depends on your average lifetime earnings. The more you earned, the more their benefits will be. Check your Social Security Statement to see an estimate of survivors benefits we could pay. You can create a secure [my Social Security](#) account to access your Statement anytime and see an estimate of these benefits.

In certain circumstances, we also make a one-time payment of \$255 to your spouse or child if you've

worked long enough. Survivors must apply for this payment within two years of the date of death.

For more information about how Social Security's survivor benefits visit our website at www.SSA.GOV. No one likes to think about death, but, unfortunately, it's inevitable. When it happens, know that you can count on Social Security to be there for your loved ones.

HERITAGE CHAPTER ANNUAL PICNIC – AUGUST 26, 2016

The Heritage Chapter's summer picnic will take place on Friday, August 26 at Gene Coulon Park in Renton, the same place as last year. Our August newsletter will include a flyer with complete information about this annual event.

SPECIAL CONTEST: For 2016, the "Food Competition" is APPETIZERS/HORS d'OEUVERS". You, our wonderful cooks, decide what fits that category and create your special entry. Please bring enough for everyone to sample and then vote for their favorite.

A PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED!

Heritage Chapter Picnic

August 26th Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park

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1201 Lake Washington Boulevard North—Look for Flyer with next months Newsletter

Speaker for July Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

The Speaker for the July 29th Heritage Chapter Meeting is Stephen Deal, Capital Development Director for EL CENTRO de la RAZA. Community-based, Chicano/Latino Civil Rights organization that seeks to help *people of all* colors to empower themselves and encourage basic social change.

FACEBOOK CLASS

Have a need to get up to date with your social media skills?

Jim Lee has coordinated a 4 hour Facebook class at the Federal Way Senior Service Center.

If you would like to sign-up for this class, call the Bluebills office.

Date for the class will be established when we gather 12 participants.



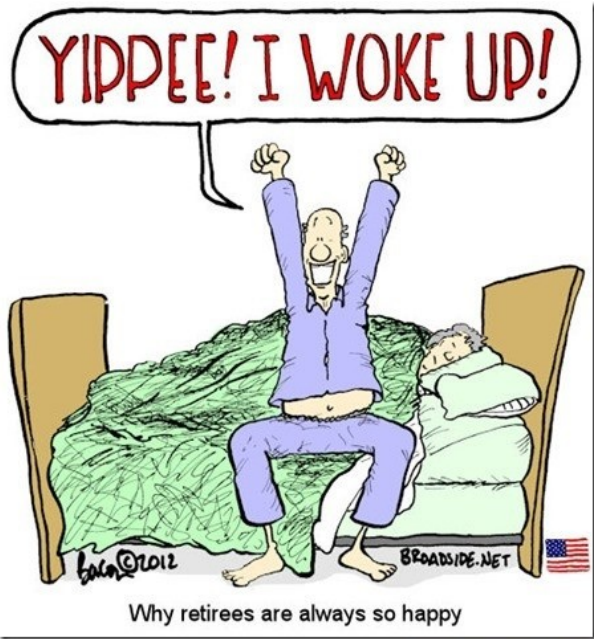
Interactive Exhibit now at the Museum of Flight

May 28—September 10, 2016

ABOVE AND BEYOND celebrates the power of innovation to make dreams take flight. This 5,000-square-foot traveling aerospace exhibition features: immersive simulations, interactive design challenges, iconic historical touchstones, visionary concepts for the future, and inspiring stories from game-changing innovators, past and present.

Design—and test-fly—your own supersonic jet. Pilot a drone into the eye of a hurricane to measure nature’s fury. Spread your wings and experience flight as a bird or a futuristic wing-flapping aircraft. Or take an elevator ride to the edge of space.

Packed with fun interactive challenges, vehicle concept models and prototypes, immersive media presentations, and inspiring stories, this large-scale exhibition invites you to experience what it takes to make the “impossible” possible. Explore ever more advanced aircraft and spacecraft that change our lives and transform our world. And join the epic journey into the sky and beyond!



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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 (Potluck)
May 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 26	Heritage Chapter Picnic (Coulan Pk)
Sept 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Craft Fair)
Oct 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 18	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 15	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	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Open

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

July 29, 2016

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

Speaker: Stephen Deal, Capital Development Director EL CENTRO de la RAZA

Topic: “EL CENTRO de la RAZA ”

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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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(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

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
turn right on 7th St and then
left on Burnett Ave S. Con-
tinue three blocks to VFW.

