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Chairman's Corner

By Richard Vaughn



I recently received the following poem from one of our Heritage Chapter Bluebills who has had it for many years and she thought it was very appropriate for our Bluebills. That is so true because that is what you all do – VOLUNTEER.

To All of Us

JUST REWARDS

**Many will be shocked to find
When the day of Judgement nears,
There's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers.**

**There's nothing there to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail,
There'll be no Friday kitchen,
And no Saturday rummage sale.**

**Furnished with recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
There's no bingo games to organize,
No tournaments for pool.**

**Mailing lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And treats fit for a king.**

**Ask who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?
Why, all those who reaped the benefit
And not once volunteered on Earth!**

Summer is approaching and activities are starting up. Your committee is planning the annual picnic that will be hosted by Norma and me at our home. It will be in August, the exact date will be announced in the July newsletter along with directions and a map. I hope you will join us. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Please remember the Mail Code for the Bluebills office has changed.

You must now use: Mail Code: 1K-B02

Busy B's

by Janice Hawes



The Busy B's are very saddened by the loss of another good friend, Joyce Hassler.

She passed away recently from a stroke.

She was recovering from a fall when this occurred. A memorial service is being planned.

She became a Busy B quite by accident. She worked in the office with the Rap Team and used to visit us in the



“quilt room”. We invited her to join us and she became a terrific quilt maker. She created some beautiful quilts and last years raffle quilt was one she had made. We will miss her so much.

Alice Soderman recently donated some lovely yarn and some incredible stuffed animals. She and her husband even delivered them right to my door. So thoughtful and much appreciated!

We now have plenty of yarn and very few people to use it. If anyone would like to make some afghans and baby hats we are the place to go for yarn! And of course, new quilters are always welcomed.

May Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri



Chairman Richard Vaughn opened the meeting with the Pledge of Al-

legiance. There were several May birthdays: Peggy Adams, Lois Barnes, Carla Becker, Jim Ewing and Sharon Hagen and no anniversaries for the month.

Richard took a few minutes to share the recent loss of two Bluebills – a talented and devoted Busy B, Joyce Hassler, and Ruby Pang, who some may remember would attend meetings with her dog weighing more than she did. They will be missed.

Oscar Olague thanked the Busy Bs for providing 20 medical dolls and three blankets to Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.

Bill Baker provided more details regarding the volunteer opportunity coming up on Friday, July 20, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at Wellspring Family Services, 1900 Rainier Avenue So., Seattle. Volunteers are needed to help sort children's clothing, toys and diapers donated to the Baby Boutique program. A number of members signed up at the last meeting, but Wellspring can use some more volunteers. Bill passed around the sign-up sheet.

Jim Beasley took the microphone to announce that the speaker, Don Shelton, Executive Editor of The Seattle Times, had to cancel at the last minute. The current plan is to reschedule him for the July meeting. Despite the disappointment, Jim was recognized by the audience for his years of providing excellent speakers.

Howard Syder then shared a successful story of transporting a person to their medical appointment. He has volunteered to be a focal point for folks with this need.

Nancy Lee Davidson spoke about volunteer opportunities at the Renton Senior Activity Center, 211 Burnett Ave N. (across from Renton Stadium on

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Logan St.) called Club Thursday. It is a weekly social club for teens and adults, ages 16 and up, with disabilities. There are lots of activities providing fun for all.

Richard acknowledged all the help Tom Moberg provides in connection with the Bluebills meetings at the VFW Hall. His special attention to detail is appreciated.

The Vaughn's' will host the annual summer picnic. Details will be provided at a later date. The members were reminded to bring their Food Bank donations – food or money – at that time as well as to the monthly meetings. It was also stated the Food Banks prefer monetary donations because they get special discounts and know what shortages may to be needed.

Nancy Lee Davidson brought up a great tax benefit for seniors related to Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). For details go to: <https://smartasset.com/retirement/all-about-qualified-charitable-distributions>

Richard wished the audience a safe Memorial Day, then held the door prize drawing and adjourned the meeting.

Speaker for June Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

Betsy Case, author of *Trailblazers: The Women of the Boeing Company*, describes the book as a labor of love. It was published while Case was a marketing writer with the company and chronicles the lives of women who were “first” at Boeing—the first employees, the first female aviators and engineers, and the first to attain management positions. The book also includes a chapter about the colorful World War II Rosies. The research took interesting turns through the Seattle Museum of History and Industry and the archives at Boeing where small scraps of old *Boeing News Articles* led to discoveries of amazing women. In addition to working at Boeing, Case, an award-winning writer, owned a Seattle advertising agency and also authored *In*

Plane View, The Jumbo Jet: Changing the World of Flight, and Houseboat: Reflections of North America's Floating Homes.

Diana Rhea, Boeing's longest-serving employee and an early female manager, dies at 96

By Dominic Gates, Seattle Times Boeing Reporter
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Along the way, she endured the death of a young son and raised a daughter as a single mother. In 1968, she became Boeing's first female manager in Manufacturing Engineering, supervising a team of up to 40 people maintaining inventory records for airplane parts.

By the end, her work and her life were inextricable. Within weeks of her retirement, Ms. Rhea's health deteriorated and after a visit to hospital she developed septic

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shock. For just over a year, her daughter Ann Catherine Ice cared for her. Ms. Rhea died peacefully Wednesday morning aged 96.

“She loved working. She simply felt it was helping her stay physically and mentally healthy and couldn’t imagine not working,” her daughter said. “She felt she had a lot to offer in knowledge and expertise, simply because of her benefit of working in the same place for decades.”

Ms. Rhea became Boeing’s longest-serving employee. In the later years of her work life, Boeing made accommodations to allow her to keep working.



At age 90, then with 70 years of service under her belt, Diana Rhea delivered work orders for 737s being assembled in Renton. The written orders are stored in flip folders on long metal trays called “panels”, like the one pictured on the side of her push cart. (Jessica Oyanagi / Boeing)

[Click here to read the rest of the story.](#)

Social Security Helps You Care for Seniors

By Kirk Larson, Social Security Washington State Public Affairs Specialist

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15. This is an opportunity for everyone, all over the world, to voice their opposition to abuses inflicted on some of the most vulnerable members of our society. For more than 80 years, Social Security has provided for the elderly as part of our everyday mission.

Sometimes a family member is incapable of representing themselves due to health reasons. Generally, we look for family or friends to serve as representative payees. Social Security's Representative Payment Program helps our beneficiaries who are incapable of managing their Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. You can read more about the program at www.socialsecurity.gov/payee.

Family members and caregivers can protect the older people they love with help from the Representative Payee Interdisciplinary Training series. The training was developed in partnership with the Administration on Aging within the Administration for Community Living and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

It educates people and organizations about the roles and responsibilities of serving as a representative payee, elder abuse and financial exploitation, and effective ways to monitor and safely conduct business with the banking community. It also teaches ways to recognize the changes in an adult or senior’s ability to make sound financial decisions.

You can view our series of videos about this training at www.socialsecurity.gov/payee. Protecting the ones you love is part of securing today and tomorrow. And we’re here for you. You can always access our website and online services at www.socialsecurity.gov.

THREE COMMON WAYS YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT CAN GROW AFTER RETIREMENT

By Kirk Larson, Social Security Washington State Public Affairs Specialist

You made the choice and now you are happily retired. You filed online for your Social Security benefits. They arrive each month in the correct amount exactly as expected. But, did you ever wonder if your Social Security check could increase?

Once you begin receiving benefits, there are three common ways benefit checks can increase: a cost of living adjustment (COLA); additional work; or an adjustment at full retirement age if you received reduced benefits and exceeded the earnings limit.

The COLA is the most commonly known increase for Social Security payments. We annually announce a COLA, and there's usually an increase in the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit amount people receive each month. By law, federal benefit rates increase when the cost of living rises, as measured by the Department of Labor's Consumer Price Index (CPI-W). More than 66 million Americans saw a 2.0 percent increase in their Social Security and SSI benefits in 2018. For more information on the 2018 COLA, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola.

Social Security uses your highest thirty-five years of earnings to figure your benefit amount when you sign up for benefits. If you work after you begin receiving benefits, your additional earnings may increase your payment. If you had fewer than 35 years of earnings when we figured your benefit, you will replace a zero earnings year with new earnings. If you had 35 years or more, we will check to see if your new year of earnings is higher than the lowest of the 35 years (after considering indexing). We check additional earnings each year you work while receiving Social Security. If an increase is due, we send a notice and pay a one-time check for the increase and your continuing payment will be higher.

Maybe you chose to receive reduced Social Security retirement benefits while continuing to work. You made the choice to take benefits early, but at a reduced rate. If you exceeded the allowable earnings limit and had some of your benefits withheld, we will adjust your benefit once you reach full retirement age. We will refigure your payment to credit you for any months you did not receive payments. Your monthly benefit will increase based on the crediting months you receive. You can find additional information about working and your benefit at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10077.pdf.

Retirement just got more interesting since you learned about potential increases to monthly payments. Social Security has been securing your today and tomorrow for more than 80 years with information and tools to help you achieve a successful retirement.

George Carlin on age102

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about ageing that you think in fractions.

'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.

'How old are you?' 'I'm gonna be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life ... You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're Just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

But wait! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30 ; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there Into the 90s, you start going backwards; 'I Was JUST 92.'

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!'

May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!



June 14th—Flag Day



June 17th—Fathers Day



June 21st—Summer Begins

Volunteer Opportunity Wellspring Family Services

Bluebills Heritage Chapter is joining other volunteers to support Wellspring Family Services. This involves sorting baby clothing, toys and diapers donated to the Baby Boutique program. It will be for two hours from 9:30 to 11:30 AM Friday July 20. We will go as a group of five or more. The location is 1900 Rainier Ave. South.

At the Bluebills April monthly meeting we announced the project, provided preliminary information and requested volunteers to sign up and provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses. If you have questions or want to be signed up, please contact Karen or Bill Baker at 253-862-3005 or baker2721@comcast.net.

Volunteer Opportunity Special Olympics

The **Special Olympics USA Games 2018** will be held in Seattle between June 29 and July 7, 2018. They are looking for volunteers to help with medical and security support for the USA games. Those volunteers will need to have appropriate medical credentials and have completed several FEMA Incident Command System classes (available on-line). Additionally, USA Games needs general volunteers to help with all of the other aspects of the event. One unique volunteer opportunity is to be a “fan in the stands” for events covered by ESPN. To volunteer go to the USA Games site: <https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/volunteer/>



Volunteer Opportunity Red, White & Blue Golf Classic

June 28, 2018

The Golf Club at Newcastle
15500 Six Penny Ln
Newcastle, WA 98052

Enjoy the best round of golf in your life! The USO Northwest Red, White & Blue golf Classic is the Northwest's premier charity golf tournament and auction benefiting the USO Northwest and our service members and their families.

Adding to the day's excitement is an 18-gun salute from the U.S. Marines, a special performance of our National Anthem, an aircraft flyover, delicious food, putting and longest drive contests and so much more!

If you would like to sign up to volunteer [click here](#)



Reminder

Report your Volunteer Hours

By

Email: Bluebills@boeing.com

Or

Phone: 206-544-6286

Or

Mail: To Address on Form

Or

Bring Completed Reporting Form to the Monthly Meeting



The Boeing Company recently changed the mail code for the Bluebills office. Please use the following address for all future correspondence to Bluebills or your mail will not reach us.

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The Boeing Company
PO Box 3707, MC: 1K-B02
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Calendar of Events 2018

Jan 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 23	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug (TBD)	Heritage Chapter Picnic
Sep 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct/Nov (TBD)	Chapter Honors Luncheon
Nov 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 21	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

Food Bank Schedule For 2018

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

January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
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	Jim Orckekowsky

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

June 29, 2018

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

Speaker: Betsy Case, author of “Trailblazers”

Subject: “The Women of the Boeing Company”

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

