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## Co-Chairman's Report – June, 2021

By Doug Hoople

Well, here we go.

We can get back to in person meetings.

Our June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting can be in person at the Renton VFW Post. We even have a volunteer bringing in donuts (wish I was going to be there).

I will miss the meeting, the State Veterans of Foreign Wars organization is having their convention in Spokane and I must be there (that's what happens when you volunteer to be a committee chairman).

I hope the starting of in person meetings will allow us to get back on track.

Our program guru has been providing us with some interesting topics. Those of you who missed the May meeting missed an outstanding presentation on the Seattle waterfront from the CEO of Ivar's restaurants.

We will have to figure out how to have an annual picnic. Since we don't have any money to rent a shelter, we may just have to meet at a park BYOE (Bring Your Own Everything) to meet everybody's need for COVID protection.

For future meetings we will have to figure out donut and coffee expenses.

And if we can resolve all that, we then need to find officers for the coming year.

I hope everybody has a great summer planned, now that COVID may let us be a little freer. Personally, my Wife and I are meeting a friend to visit the waters and parks of Minnesota Wisconsin, Michigan and hopefully Canada during the month of July.

See you at the July meeting. *Doug*





**The Clouds of COVID-19 are parting and we are now able to meet once again, in person, monthly at the VFW Post 1263 hall in Renton.**

Yes it is true our June meeting on 25th will be, AN IN PERSON MEETING, at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. "Meet & Greet Social" 10:00AM—11:30AM. There will be coffee and doughnuts provided.

**SEE YOU ON THE 25TH!**



## **May ZOOM Meeting Summary**

*By Mary Ulibarri*

Doug Hoople called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM. There were ten members logged in. Having the meeting at the VFW hall in June was discussed with a positive outlook for that to happen.

Reminder: No Zoom meetings should be posted on Facebook or other social media due to privacy issues.

Mary read the list of June birthdays: Jim Beasley, Dick Behem, Cam Haslam, Donna Palmer.

Volunteer hours may be submitted to Mary Ulibarri at [marybarri@centurylink.net](mailto:marybarri@centurylink.net) or Dick Behem at [bbbeditor@live.com](mailto:bbbeditor@live.com). It is acknowledged that folks have trimmed back their volunteering during these days of COVID-19, but we will still keep track and turn in reports to Boeing at some point.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker, Bob Donegan of Ivar's on the waterfront, Seattle's original seafood restaurant, which is now in its 83<sup>rd</sup> year. Ivar's office is on the west end of Pier 54, just beyond Acres of Clams, steps off the new waterfront park.



During his 15-plus year tenure as president, Bob Donegan has doubled sales at Ivar's. The company now has 850 year-round employees and sales of close to \$80 million annually. As chair of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and a member of the design committee for Seattle's waterfront renewal, Donegan is helping to shape plans for this important redevelopment endeavor.

In addition to his day job, Bob has been active in many Seattle matters, especially around the waterfront – he is locally known as the Mayor of the Waterfront. He volunteers at the Seattle Aquarium and serves on their design committee, the Historic Waterfront Assn, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and has been an active member of the Alaskan Way Viaduct Stakeholder Commission, the Citizens Advisory Panel on Colman Dock, the design committees for the seawall and waterfront park.

The Ivar's Seafood Restaurants president has been a tireless advocate for businesses along Seattle's central waterfront and also served as the public face in the campaign to raze the dilapidated Alaskan Way Viaduct. Bob walked the waterfront every day, keeping tabs on the demolition while checking in with waterfront business owners. He noted that investors at the beginning of the project had poured \$1 billion in private money into the waterfront's redevelopment. Donegan is also involved in efforts to deal with the mounting problem of homelessness as it relates to the city's ambitious waterfront project.



With the assistance of Patrick Yearout handling the slides, Bob provided a wonderful and informative visual presentation of the progress and future plans for the Seattle waterfront.

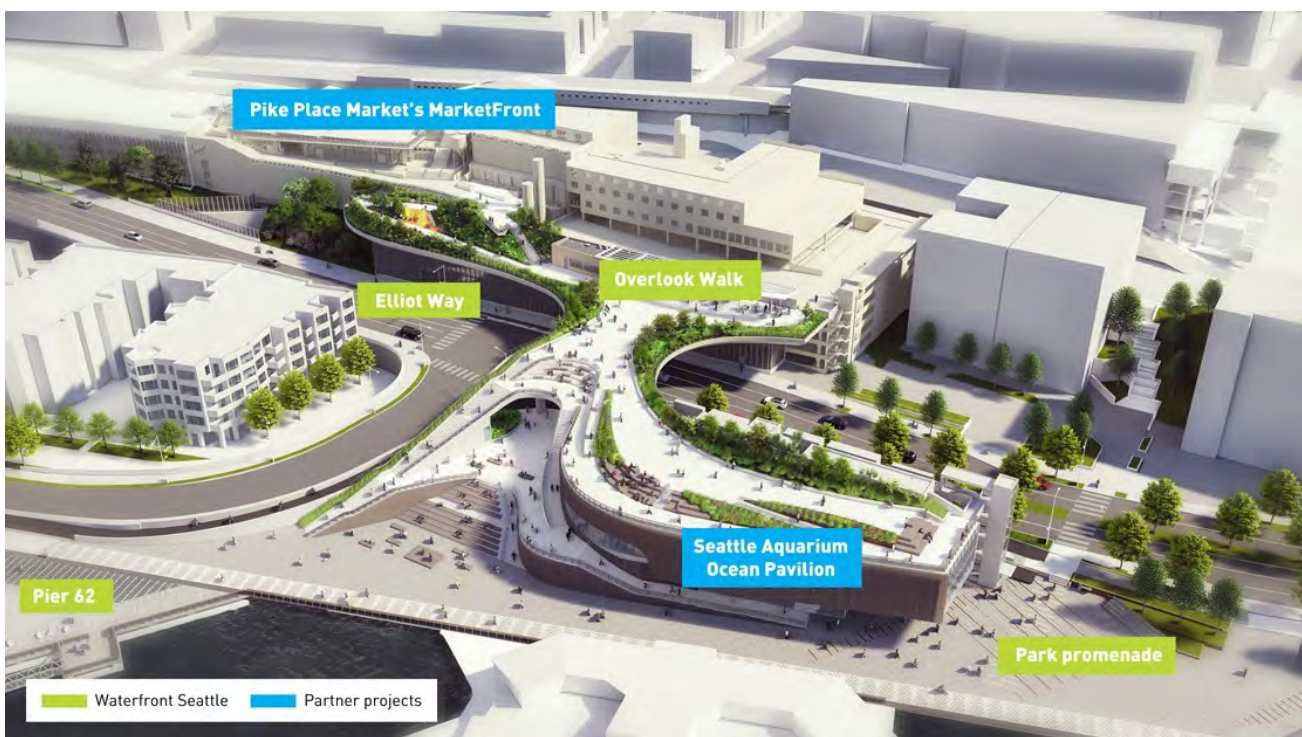
Waterfront Seattle will rebuild Alaskan Way from S King to Pike streets, and build a new street, known as Elliott Way, from Pike to Bell streets. The new surface street will span a total

of 17 blocks from Pioneer Square to Belltown, with two lanes of traffic in either direction for the majority of the street.

The southern section will include dedicated lanes for transit in and out of downtown, as well as lanes for ferry queuing onto Colman Dock. Intersections and sidewalks have been carefully designed to support pedestrian accessibility. The new park promenade and two-way bike path will run along the west side of Alaskan Way.

The project will also rebuild Seneca Street between Western Ave and Alaskan Way as well with new parking, landscaping and lighting. As of February 2020, the project had completed construction to rebuild Columbia Street between 1st Ave and Alaskan Way, which is open to traffic with improved sidewalks and dedicated transit lanes.

- Connections to park spaces, restaurants, stores and neighborhoods
- Raised street crossings and widened sidewalks for pedestrians
- More than 500 new street trees, extensive ground covers and green stormwater infrastructure to manage stormwater runoff on-site
- Extensive pedestrian lighting in addition to roadway lighting



In order to view a more comprehensive overview of the Waterfront project, please go to the following link. <https://waterfrontseattle.org/construction/construction-overview>

Zach covered a lot of information in his presentation. Here are a couple of weblinks if you would like to read more details:

<https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/progress-report>

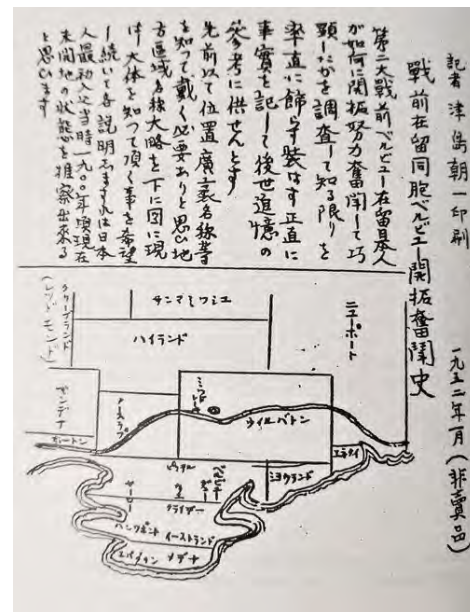
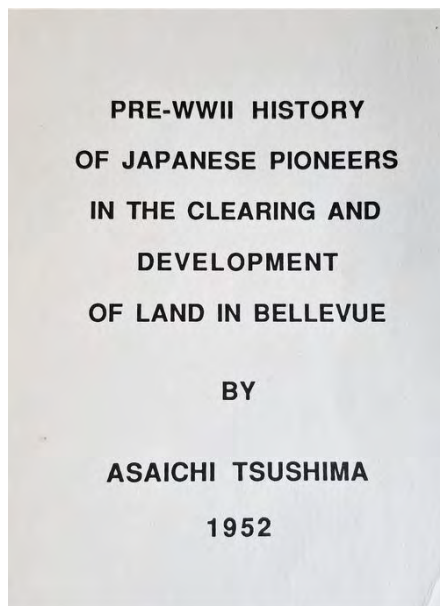
<https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/progress-report/seattle-area>

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# Eastside Stories

## Asaichi Tsushima's Book



At the McDowell House, we keep an ever-growing collection of reference books for use by our volunteers, staff, and outside researchers. In the midst of these tomes, you may come across an unassuming paperback book; a pale gray cover with bold black text that reads:

**“Pre-WWII History of Japanese Pioneers in the Clearing and Development of Land in Bellevue by Asaichi Tsushima 1952”**

Inside is a treasure trove of knowledge gathered from the Japanese community prior to WWII. Mr. Asaichi Tsushima worked to preserve the memories of Bellevue’s earliest Japanese pioneers for the future. He dedicated the book to the Nisei of Bellevue and sought to show them an honest glimpse into the joys and heartaches of their parents’ generation.



Asaichi Tsushima arrived in Bellevue in 1908 at the age of twenty from Okayama-ken, Japan. He worked on a farm as a laborer in the strawberry fields until the manager, Mr. Hirayama moved to Seattle in 1910. From there, he worked in an apple orchard and as a gardener for white neighbors while living in a tent on Clyde Hill.

Through an arranged marriage, his wife Nami Tsushima came from Japan to

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join him in 1912. Nami worked as a domestic worker for some of the wealthy families on Hunts Point.

Asaichi leased a small tract on Hunts Point in 1917. The family grew vegetables and sold them to other families nearby. Around the same time, the Tsushimas farmed property at Fairweather Bay with the Mizokawa and Muromoto families.

The Japanese community was growing rapidly at that time and so was the need for education for their children, the Nisei. A language school was established in 1921, but was forced to close. Anti-Japanese propaganda made claims that these Nisei children were being forced to swear loyalty to Japan and its emperor. Those suspicions have since proved to be false, but they were effective in stoking racist fears in Bellevue.

A second language school opened in 1925 and held classes in a Downey Hill Issei home until the community organized for a school building in Medina in 1929. Mr. Tsushima was the first teacher. In 1930, the Japanese Community Clubhouse was built and the two schools consolidated there. Language lessons were initially only offered on Saturdays, but later they would be offered every day for an hour after school.

In the early morning hours of December 8, 1941, three Bellevue Japanese community leaders were taken from their homes by the FBI. Asaichi Tsushima was one of them. Due to his popularity as a public speaker and his close ties to the language school, Mr. Tsushima was considered a security threat following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He would spend the majority of the war years at a prison camp in New Mexico.

In 1942, Nami Tsushima and their daughter Michi were evacuated to Pinedale and Tule Lake, then to Minidoka. The Tsushima family returned to Bellevue in 1946. Mr. Tsushima worked on his book by taking down the remembrances of the Issei generation. He finished the book in 1952 and there was a limited publishing. He made special note to request the book never be sold.

Asaichi Tsushima returned to his birthplace in Japan and lived there until his death in 1969.



## **News from the Social Security Administration**

*Submitted by : Micki Brown*

### **Check the Status of Your Social Security Benefits Claim Online**

If you applied for Social Security benefits, or have a pending reconsideration or hearing request, you can check the status online using your *free* personal *my* Social Security account. If you don't have an account, you can create one at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) to see the following information about your claim:

- Date of filing.

- Current claim location.
- Scheduled hearing date and time.
- Re-entry numbers for incomplete applications.
- Servicing office location.
- Publications of interest, depending on the claim and current step in the process.

Use your personal *my* Social Security account to check the status of your application or appeal at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

If you have questions about retirement, disability, Medicare, or survivors benefits, as well as Supplemental Security Income, visit our webpage at [www.ssa.gov/benefits](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits).

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### **Social Security and Protecting Elders from Scams**

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is on June 15. On this day, and throughout the month, communities, seniors, caregivers, governments, organizations, and the private sector unite to prevent the mistreatment of and violence against older people.

Social Security imposter scams are widespread across the United States. Scammers use sophisticated tactics to deceive you into providing sensitive information or money. They target everyone – even the elderly – and their tactics continue to evolve.

Most recently, Social Security's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has received reports of phone scammers creating fake versions of the identification badges most Federal employees use to gain access to Federal buildings. The scammers may text or email photos of the fake badges to convince potential victims of their legitimacy. These badges use government symbols, words, and even names and photos of real people, which are available on government websites or through internet searches.

If you receive a suspicious letter, text, email, or call, hang up or do not respond. You should know how to identify when it's really Social Security. We will NEVER:

- Text or email images of an employee's official government identification.
- Suspend your Social Security number.
- Threaten you with arrest or other legal action unless you immediately pay a fine or fee.
- Require payment by retail gift card, wire transfer, internet currency, or cash by mail.
- Promise a benefit increase or other assistance in exchange for payment.
- Send official letters or reports containing your personal information via email.

We only send text messages if you have opted in to receive texts from us and only in limited situations, including the following:

- When you have subscribed to receive updates and notifications by text.
- As part of our enhanced security when accessing your personal my Social Security account.

If you owe money to us, we will mail you a letter with payment options and appeal rights.

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We encourage you to report suspected Social Security imposter scams — and other Social Security fraud — to the OIG website at [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov). You may read our previous Social Security fraud advisories at [oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/news-release](http://oig.ssa.gov/newsroom/news-release). Please share this information with your friends and family to help spread awareness about Social Security imposter scams.

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## **Choose a Representative Payee for Social Security to Consider Before You May Need One**

The future is uncertain. Our Advance Designation program allows you to pre-select a trusted individual if a time comes when you need a representative payee to help manage your money. Advance Designation enables you to identify up to three people, in priority order, whom you would like to serve as your potential representative payee.

We recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of our Advanced Designation program. Since its launch in March 2020, more than one million eligible individuals have opted to participate.

You may choose an Advance Designation if you are capable of making your own decisions and are:

- An adult or emancipated minor applying for benefits and do not have a representative payee.
- An adult or emancipated minor beneficiary/recipient and do not have a representative payee.

You can submit your Advance Designation information when you:

- File a claim for benefits online.

Use the application available in your personal *my* Social Security account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount).

- Call us by telephone at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

In the event that you can no longer make your own decisions, you and your family will have peace of mind knowing you already chose someone you trust to manage your benefits.

We have updated our Frequently Asked Questions to answer any questions you may have about Advance Designation at [www.ssa.gov/faq](http://www.ssa.gov/faq) under “Other Topics.” You may also find more information about representative payees on our blog at [blog.ssa.gov](http://blog.ssa.gov).

## **June 25th General Meeting**

*By Jim Beasley*

There will be no Guest Speakers for the June 25th Heritage Chapter General meeting at the VFW Post 1263. The General Meeting will be a Social “Meet & Greet Renewal” Social, with Coffee and Donuts provided. With COVID restriction eased and Volunteer Opportunities increasing it is time for renewal.



**THE *Safe* WORKER**

**FEBRUARY 1940**

**VIOLATE THE RULES OF HEALTH AND YOU WILL NEED A DOCTOR!**

**VIOLATE THE TRAFFIC RULES AND YOU WILL NEED A LAWYER!**

**VIOLATE THE SAFETY RULES AND YOU MAY NEED A HARP!**

**ONLY DOCTORS AND NURSES CAN EARN A LIVING IN A HOSPITAL!**

The worst years for deaths suffered in collisions between motor vehicles and railroad trains were the last two of the Roaring Twenties—1928 and 1929—when the totals were 2,142 and 2,046 dead, respectively. The 1938 total was 1,600 deaths.

The disappearance of the horse from traffic may be indicated by the number of accident fatalities which involved collision between a car and a horse-drawn vehicle. The yearly total has dropped steadily from 400 in 1932 to 170 in 1938.

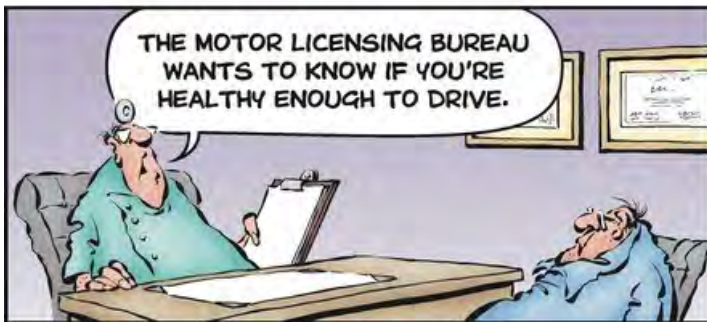
The accident frequency rate has dropped sharply since 1926 in all of 28 general classifications of industry. The average decrease for the entire list is 68 per cent. Public utilities turned in the largest decrease—a drop of 79 per cent!

Fires traced directly to thawing out frozen pipes with open flames caused property damage in 1938 of \$190,000. It's safer to wrap the pipe with rags and soak them with hot water.

**AN ACCIDENT HAZARD? CORRECT IT - OR REPORT IT - AT ONCE!**

# HERMAN

by Jim *Linger*



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**In Person Meetings**  
**Resume June 25, 2021**  
**Calendar of Events 2021**

Jan 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 28	Chapter Picnic— <i>TBD</i>
Sep 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 19	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 9	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 17	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck - <i>TBD</i> )

**Food Bank Schedule For 2021**

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

January	Highline	Heinz Gehlhaar
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Lonnie Stevenson
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Melinda Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
July	West Seattle	Heinz Gehlhaar
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Des Moines	Lonnie Stevenson
December	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner

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**Don't Forget to  
Report Your Hours!**

# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

**“In Person Chapter Meeting”**

**June 25, 2021 10:00AM**

**Social 10:00AM — 11:30AM**

**“Meet & Greet Renewal”, Coffee and Doughnuts provided**

*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](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting