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Chapter Meeting June 30th Presentation

By Jim Beasley

“Can You Hear Me?”



The speaker for June will be Rick Faunt from the Hearing Loss Association of America, Washington office.

Rick has been a member of HLAA, in its several names, since 1996. He has held every office at the Chapter and State level and currently is the Chapter Treasurer. He is a retired Boeing worker and was a consultant/installer of the various Assistive Listening Systems for the Hard of Hearing.

Rick will address several topics on resources, assistance and services for the deaf and hard of hearing, including the impact of recent government legislation.

As seniors we all have been affected in some way by hearing issues and should find this presentation very informative.

Jim



Have you reported your hours?

Remember: You can report any volunteer hours!

Send reports to Mary Ulibarri marybarri20@gmail.com or Dick Beham at bbbeditor@live.com.



May Meeting Summary

By: Mary Ulibarri

Richard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two attendees with May birthdays – Jim Ewing and Earlene Beham. The following are members on my list: Sibyl Fletcher, Lois Barnes, Carla Becker, and Lonnie

Stevenson.

Reminder to turn in volunteer hours to marybarri20@gmail.com or Dick Beham at bbbeditor@live.com.

Richard gave an update on the current situation involving Boeing support of the Bluebills.. Two out of the three office computers “crashed.” The help desk had no information on file for those two workers. It has been difficult contacting our support focal due to his heavy travel schedule.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker, Claire Gebben, Author of two published books, who proceeded to talk on the subject of researching one’s Genealogy.



But first..... Claire Gebben lives and writes in the Pacific Northwest. Her debut historical novel *The Last of the Blacksmiths* (2014) is based on the true story of her German immigrant ancestor who pursues the American dream. Since the novel’s publication, she’s been invited to speak at various venues on the untold stories of 19th-century immigration history, on creating legacies using family genealogies, and on research and writing. An adventurer at heart, she enjoys traveling, genealogy, bicycling, hiking, and even on occasion blacksmithing. Her author blog explores genealogy and immigration, German and Scottish history, Ohio history, research and travels, and tips for writing about family history.

Claire’s second book written in 2018, *How We Survived Here: Families Across Time*, tells a story of her grandmother’s memories about writing letters to the "relatives in Freinsheim," relatives living in a rural wine-making town in Germany. After her grandmother died, Claire's father and family kept the tradition alive, writing letters and emails, and also visiting the relatives in person. Then in 2008, when Claire's relative Angela Weber travels from Germany to visit her in the Pacific Northwest, Angela brings along a surprise--over a dozen 19th-century letters found in an attic in Freinsheim written by their common ancestors.

Claire’s presentation using a projector provided personal as well as general information by using the outline shown below. Anyone planning to do such research would be wise to follow it.

Who do we think we are?

Whether we realize it or not, we stand on the shoulders of those who go before us, and owe much of our current reality to them.

Genealogy basics

Important info can be gleaned from **Primary Source Material**

- Letters
- Diaries
- Manuscripts
- Newspaper articles
- Interviews
- Audio/video recordings
- Photo/art/artifact
- Ephemera – brochures, ads, train schedules, literature created for a short period of usefulness – a lot of this material has been digitized and offers insights into the past

Not everything is online

- Browse library book sales and used book shops for old books
- Visit university and college libraries
- Browse not only the library catalog, but also the shelves (900 call numbers – History and Geography)
- Visit local genealogy libraries

Telling and writing down your stories

Telling stories about what you care about means others are inspired to care, too. Studies have shown the brain of the listener lights up when someone is relating something they care about. But ... who cares?

- Broadening the story helps us gain perspective on our own lives.
- “To make a record, to set it down before it is too late for the traditions to be remembered.” [from the book *Highland Folk Ways*]
- To embark on the journey.
- To celebrate and remember someone you love
- Autobiography is a factual account of your life from birth to present
- Memoir recounts part of your life: what happened in a given time, how you coped, and your perspective on it today

Considerations for memoir:

- The author is the one person, or one of the few persons, who is an authority on what happened
- Only include the details relevant to the main event or discovery
- You don't have to know what the story is about to start writing
- There are many different categories for memoirs. Here are just a few:
 - ◊ Historical/Legacy/Career/Family History
 - ◊ Overcoming Adversity/Tragedy
 - ◊ Personal Struggle/Health Issues
 - ◊ Cultural/ethnic/sexuality
 - ◊ Coming of age

Take-aways

- Start with the story you most want to tell
- Write often – ten minutes every day is better than one hour / 1x week.
- Be honest! This is part of your legacy. Everyone has failings, and future generations will want to know how you coped with the hard stuff.
- Don't forget the humorous stories. People are immeasurably cheered by laughter.

- Write with others. Join a genealogy writing group, or start one through your local community.
- Plus, you'll learn so much about those who have gone before you!

Claire wrapped up her presentation by taking numerous questions from the audience. And she also provided the following information to help those wishing to try some research.

Online genealogy resources – access also available on location at some libraries.

American Ancestors – <https://www.americanancesors.org> - \$ subscription

Ancestry – <https://www.ancestry.com> - \$ subscription

Family Search – <https://www.familysearch.org/en/> - Free – offered by LDS Church

Family Search Research WIKI – <https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Online>

Jewishgen – <https://www.jewishgen.org/>

Wikitree – <https://www.wikitree.com/> - free collaborative site

Washington State Library genealogy links –

<https://www2.sos.wa.gov/library/genwebresources.aspx>

Maps – Historygeo – <https://www.davidrumsey.com> or <https://www.loc.gov/maps/>

Basic tips for online searches

- Use quotation marks for exact working: “Heinrich Zimmerman Carpenter”
- On Google and other search engines, try including word genealogy in search terms. Eras also help – 17th century or 1600s
- Or, type in a year and a location to see what turns up

Local area libraries with genealogy resources:

Eastside Genealogical Society: <https://www.eastsidegenealogicalsociety.org/>

Fiske Library: <https://www.fiskelibrary.org/> (Madison Park neighborhood)

National Archives at Seattle: <https://www.archives.gov/seattle>

Puget Sound Genealogical Society (Bremerton): <https://psgsociety.org/>

Seattle Genealogical Society Library – <https://seagenoc.org/>

Seattle Public Library –

<https://www.spl.org/programs-and-services/learning/genealogy>

South King County Genealogical Society – <https://www.sckgs.org/>

University of Washington Library – <https://guides.lib.us.edu/research/family>

Washington State Library – <https://www2.sos.wa.gov/library/gealogy.aspx>

If interested in contacting Claire: <http://clairegebben.com>



Meet Bluebill Volunteer Jerry (Gerald) Andre,

I'm 78 y/o on May 18, same day of Mt St Helens Eruption 43 years ago in 1980.

I am a member of Bluebills.

Up until the Pandemic, I volunteered for NW harvest for a few years and re-

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ported my hours. In 2020 they stopped us older folks because of the risk of COVID and had the National Guard package food for charities instead. So, Then I picked up knitting beanie hats after reading an article about a 96 yr. old Veteran who knitted over 300 hats per year for Salvation Army. So far, I have knitted over 500 hats for numerous charities and Cancer centers. It takes me approx. 4-6 hours per hat. I estimate I have spent about 2,500 hours making these hats. (Attached are a few pictures of the hats and a loom I make them on.



Respectfully
Jerry (Gerald) André

Here is the link to the article that inspired me in the beginning:

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/03/17/us/veteran-knits-hats-for-salvation-army-trnd/index.html>

Aluminum Cans & Tops for Kidney Dialysis Research - Thank You Bluebills

April 17, 2023

Boeing Blue Bills
155 Capella Drive NW
Issaquah, WA 98027

Dear Boeing Blue Bills:

Once again, we are so grateful for the time and effort it takes to save and store the aluminum cans and tabs for Kidney Dialysis Research. Thank you, very much for your help.

We are happy to let you know that with recycle donations from those who want to make a difference and our added dollars, we presented the Kidney Foundation \$5,000.00 in December of 2020 and another \$5,000.00 in 2021. We are now setting up a meeting with them for another donation. Without your help and others, this would not be possible.

Thank you, again, Boeing Blue Bills for helping make this possible!

*George Broom
and
Sharon Broom*

History Links

May We Play Through?



This week History link tees off with a look at some of [Washington's golf history](#), which dates back to 1894 when a group of about a dozen British expatriates founded the Tacoma Golf Club and built the state's first golf course. Seattle was introduced to golf the following year, when 12 Seattleites played a [five-hole game](#) in a pasture near [Wallingford](#) and [Fremont](#). The Seattle Golf Club was established that year, and in 1909 its members welcomed [President William Howard Taft](#) to their course in the The Highlands during his visit to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

By the 1910s, many communities enjoyed their own golf courses. Seattle opened a municipal course in 1915 at [Jefferson Park](#). The [Fort Lewis Golf Course](#) opened in 1929 and helped maintain troop morale. As the sport became more popular, golf associations began to form. This week marks the anniversary of the founding of the [Pacific Northwest Japanese Golf Association](#) on May 31, 1936. The group held annual tournaments until 1941; its members were removed to World War II [internment camps](#) early the following year. After the war, groups like the [Fir State Golf Club](#) and the [Seattle Chinese Golf Club](#) were organized for the benefit of minorities and women.

On May 27, 1959, the [American Lake Veterans Hospital Golf Course](#) was dedicated, and in recent years was improved with a new layout, nine holes of which were designed at no charge by Jack Nicklaus. Washington is now home to many acclaimed links, such as the [Sahalee golf course](#) in Sammamish, and the state has hosted numerous PGA tournaments and invitationals. Washington golfers are also proud to count Seattle native [Fred Couples](#) – winner of the [1992 Masters](#) – as one of their own.

May 25, 2023 History Links

Ivar Haglund opens an aquarium on Pier 3 (later Pier 54) in Seattle on September 2, 1938.

By Phil Dougherty - Posted 5/19/2023 - HistoryLink.org Essay 22726

On September 2, 1938, [Ivar Haglund](#) (1905-1985) opens an aquarium showcasing local marine life on Pier 3, later renamed [Pier 54](#), in Seattle. Though it is not the first aquarium in the city, it gets plenty of attention from an interested press and from Haglund's promotional stunts. Said stunts include taking a seal to see a department store Santa Claus and carrying an octopus on his shoulders on a stroll along the waterfront. Eventually the novelty will wear off, and Haglund will have less time for the aquarium after he opens his restaurant, Acres of Clams, in 1946. The aquarium will close in 1956.

Captain Barnacle

In 1938, Haglund was an aspiring folk singer when he happened upon the idea of opening an aquarium. He had cousins who operated one in Seaside, Oregon, and after a trip to scope their operation out, Haglund decided to try his hand at the same. "My [first] reason was to make a living," he explained to a *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reporter when he closed the aquarium 18 years later. "But I did hope to have the odd educational angle too, if you know what I mean" ("A New Ivar ..."). He rented space in the northeast corner of Pier 3 (renamed Pier 54 in 1944) and built his aquarium, which consisted of three large tanks for fish and a fourth tank for what would become the resident seal, Pat. Pumps circulated 5,000 gallons of water per hour from Elliott Bay into the tanks and back into the bay.

Haglund hoped to open to the public around the first of August, but problems with finding marine life and other issues (in one incident, a tank – mercifully loaded with nothing but 400 gallons of water – shattered during testing) delayed opening day until September 2, 1938. Haglund worked with his wife, Maggie; Erma Butler, her mother; and Bud Likins, a 17-year-old Tacoma youth who had worked at the Point Defiance Aquarium in Tacoma. Likins was an illustrator, and painted a large octopus above the ticket booth at the entrance to the aquarium. It featured an array of local marine life – ratfish, mud sharks, sea cucumbers, a 175-pound, four-and-a-half foot-wide skate fish, and more. The aquarium displays were arranged to look as natural as possible, with barnacles, sand, and gravel bottoms lining the tanks.

Some of this marine life was vividly described in an article in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* a week after the opening. Though the byline says "Captain Barnacle," one suspects Haglund may have written it himself or had a hand in it:

"Brilliant sea anemones of royal purple, blue, pink, flame red and brown, looking for all the world like dahlias except for the heavy disproportionate stems; star fish of nearly every conceivable color combination; sea urchins, striped in many hues; scallops, tinted from the base of ivory white to vivid red ... they dash through the clear water like butterflies ..." ("Down the Hatch").

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Pat the Seal(s)

The aquarium also was home to Pat the Seal. It's more accurate to say Pat the Seals, because there were many of them over the years the aquarium was open – in 1939 alone, Haglund had five Pats. (The first swam off when Haglund let it take a dip in the sound, the next three each died shortly after they arrived, while the final Pat proved to be a keeper.) He also had a resident octopus, another crowd-pleaser. And if attention waned during the winter months, Haglund would take the animals out for a ramble. During the 1940 Christmas holidays he took Pat, dressed in a pinafore and lace baby cap, through Pike Place Market in a wicker baby carriage enroute to a visit to Santa Claus at a local department store. Two months later, he hoisted the aquarium's octopus, Marmaduke, onto his shoulders and took him on a stroll along Alaskan Way on a rare sunny February day.

He enjoyed telling tales to schoolchildren who visited the aquarium, he was generous giving interviews to the press, and he composed songs about some of the creatures in his tanks, which included Terrence the wood-boring Tereido (a constant bane of the waterfront), Herman the Hermit Crab, and Barney Barnacle. He even made music for some of his fish, as portrayed in the *P-I* in a 1941 write-up about a tuneful encounter with Pat the Seal:

"Pat's appreciation of 'Swanee River,' 'Carry Me Back to Old Virginny,' 'Old Black Joe' and many others ... was discovered after a young Bainbridge Island couple told Ivar Haglund, aquarium manager, of their [musical] experience with seals ... Haglund listened to the account, a bit skeptically, he said, and then decided to try an experiment. He got out his zither [a stringed instrument, analogous to a guitar but flat] and began strumming.

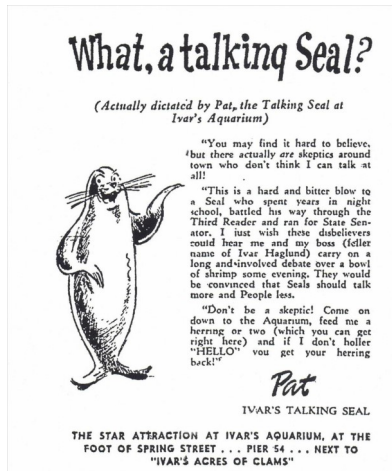
"Pat stopped swimming around in his tank and went over to listen attentively. When 'Swanee River' ended, Pat barked approval and began swimming again. Then when Haglund started in on 'Old Black Joe,' Pat stopped again to listen" ("Strolling Around the Town").

Aquatic Drama

There was plenty of drama at the aquarium. Just after it opened, there was a battle between two octopuses that Haglund had placed together in a tank. After one sprayed the other with ink, the victim climbed out into the aquarium itself, giving visitors quite a surprise. Two years later a 20-inch-long dogfish shark swam into a flower-like anemone and was promptly stung to death; the creature then slowly devoured the fish. The edible affair was sufficient theater for a *P-I* reporter to come out to write a short article, complete with a picture, of the natural world in action.

Another drama was almost humorous. Haglund had kept a six-foot wolffish in one of his tanks for nearly a year when he added a large, 24-leg sun starfish to the tank. After sizing the newcomer up, the wolffish began eating it one leg at a time. "After each 'petal' was swallowed, [the wolffish] did an eccentric dance around, over and about the starfish even to the point of standing on his head," recounted the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* ("Tale of a Fish"). The wolffish munched 18 legs before passing out and away a short time later; Haglund told the *P-I* that he planned to have him cremated at the Humane Society but was going to opt for the cheaper version of the options offered.

The thalassic novelty wore off after a few years, and Haglund had less time for the aquarium after he opened his Acres of Clams restaurant on the pier across from it in 1946. It was hard to keep the fish alive in captivity, and as the Seattle area grew, it became harder to catch them. There also was the occasional weird surprise, such as the time the pumps brought in polluted water from the bay: "One day I was standing in the aquarium and every fish in several tanks simply gasped and died and floated to the surface in a matter of minutes" Haglund later explained ("A New Ivar ..."). He quietly closed the aquarium in early 1956, unceremoniously dumped the last fish back into Puget Sound, and went back to his restaurant.



Ivar Haglund feeding Pat the Seal at his aquarium, Pier 54 Seattle



Ivar with Oscar the Octopus

Busy B's

By: Sibyl Fletcher

At the end of 2022, the Busy Bees were sent on an unrequested sabbatical for several months while we waited for our badges to be renewed. Actually, some of us continued to work from home - a very *de rigueur* activity for many employees this past couple of years! Now we all have access again to the building in South Park (south Seattle) that houses the room where we meet to sew. Our workroom is well stocked with all needed equipment and lots of colorful fabric.

Lately, we have focused our charitable contributions on making 1) keepsake bags for shell casings from military committal (memorial) services, 2) medical dolls and 3) small-ish quilts. When we are offered fabric donations, we limit our acceptance to 100% cotton because it is the age-old choice of quilters. We never turn down cash donations because we need to purchase large quantities of the batting that makes our quilts warm and snuggly.

We welcome new members, even those who have never sewed - yet. We would love to have you join us in South Park. You will cheerfully be taught all you need to know to create whatever inspires you. For those who prefer to sew at home, we will work with you to get your con-

tributions either picked up or dropped off.

If you don't read about us in this newsletter every month, just know our scissors are snipping, our machines are humming, and we are smiling . . . and so are the recipients of our labors.

Investment scam targeting WeChat groups

By

Tiffany Smedley

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May 18, 2023

A so-called investment opportunity reportedly took the social media platform WeChat by storm — and stole millions from the Chinese community in the U.S. A flurry of social media posts urged people to “invest” in various household goods and electronics, promising returns of 20-40% in 1-3 months. But it was really a scam. Want to know how to spot it?

Using WeChat groups, scammers heavily promoted the investment with pictures and stories about supposed successful investors. To invest, people agreed to over-pay upfront — as much as three times the retail price — to buy items like iPhones, laptops, and furniture. In exchange, scammers promised to return investors’ money in 1-3 months. And, as a thank you for investing, investors got to keep the products for free. At first, scammers shipped products and paid out some investors, leading people to sink more money into the scheme. In truth, there was no investment and what little scammers paid out was money they stole from new investors. It was all a lie.

To build trust, scammers often use common bonds — like shared language or culture. They exploit these relationships and pitch can't-miss investment scams. To spot the scams:

- **Don't believe promises that you'll make money, get a big payout, or earn guaranteed returns.** No one can guarantee you'll make lots of money with little to no risk. Anyone who does is a scammer. And those testimonials or photos from people who supposedly made it big? Those are easily faked.
- **Ask online group moderators to remove people pushing investments.** Or, if you're a group moderator, remove anyone offering advice or “help” with investing to prevent scams.
- **Research before you invest.** It pays to search online for the company or person's name with the words “review,” “scam,” or “complaint.” Find out how the investment works and where your money is going. If you need help making investment decisions while avoiding fraud, visit [Investor.gov](https://www.investor.gov).



Securing today
and tomorrow

Social Security - June 2023 Media Articles Available Online!

Submitted by Micki Brown

Social Security produces a monthly publication of articles to share with local media outlets. The [June 2023 publication is now available online](#) and includes articles and images related to our programs, services and initiatives.

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Bits & Pieces

GOLDEN YEARS:

Middle age is when your knees buckle and your belt won't.

WISDOM?

"Parrots are smart but owls are wise," said a teacher. "Does anyone know why?"

"I do," said a smiling student. "Parrots talk, Owls listen."

Short Golf Jokes & Puns

- An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play, it's always possible to get worse.
- Golf is a game invented by God to punish people who retire early.
- Golf balls are like eggs. They're both white, sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to go out and buy more.



Calendar of Events 2023

In Person Meetings

<i>Jan 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Feb 24</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Mar 31</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Apr 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>May 26</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jun 30</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Jul 28</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Aug 25</i>	<i>Chapter In-Door Picnic</i>
<i>Sept 29</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Oct 27</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Chapter Monthly Meeting</i>
<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Chapter Holiday Potluck</i>

Food Bank Schedule For 2023

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

<i>January</i>	<i>Highline</i>	<i>Heinz Gehlhaar</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Bellevue</i>	<i>Doug Hoople</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Federal Way</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Maple Valley</i>	<i>Vaughn's</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Kent</i>	<i>Melinda 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>(open}</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>Des Moines</i>	<i>Lonnie Stevenson</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Issaquah</i>	<i>Eleanor Skinner</i>

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

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

June 30, 2023

Social 10:00AM, Meeting 10:30 - 11:30 AM



Speaker: Rick Faunt, HLAA

Subject: "Can you Hear Me?"



(Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month.)

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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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