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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



On the weekend after you receive this newsletter you will be setting your clocks ahead to get in sync with Daylight Savings Time. Remember its Spring ahead—Fall back. Then go reset all light timers you have around your property.

Are you ready for Spring? I'm definitely not. All the rain has kept me from doing much yard work this year and several projects remain from last year. (I guess I went to too many star parties last Fall.)

Obviously I need to make a list and use those project management skills I learned and taught at Boeing to build a plan to get them all done before I leave town at the end of May to volunteer at Bryce Canyon National Park.

I need to be doing the same with the efforts started here in the Bluebills Heritage Chapter.

At our last Heritage Leadership Council meeting we discussed several future activities. We thought it would be interesting to have a "finger food" pot luck at our April meeting. Get out your snack cook book, crock pot and create something to tempt our taste buds. Our picnic site for the August meeting is reserved at the Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park in Renton at the South Shelter # 1, thanks to Janise Hawes. In September, we would like to bring back the Fall Craft Fair. So finish up that hobby project and bring them in to share with the rest of us. I remember

seeing some creative craft ideas in the past. Richard Vaughn has obtained the menu possibilities for our October luncheon.

While it may be good to revitalize activities, we still lack volunteers to help make it happen. We still have some openings for committee leadership and need to draw out those individuals who can help make a difference. The Central leadership Council is establishing a committee to look at recruiting and working more closely with the Boeing employee Volunteers. If you have any ideas, please get them to me (or Howard or Don).

I have been hoping that some of you would come forward, as I did, to serve our Chapter. So fair warning, watch out for some late night phone calls asking you to step up and take a challenge.

Again at the end of this monthly Chairman's Corner notes I would like to continue to acknowledge someone who has provided us with service in the Bluebill tradition. This month, Lonnie Stevenson is my choice. She is a self admitted "many faceted volunteer." She volunteers at the USO at SEATAC and at their public events, she works at the blood bank, she's the Vice Chairperson of the Bluebills Central Leadership Council, she volunteers at the Museum of Flight. Is that list long enough? No, she volunteers at several charity golf classics and that isn't all. Want to get her talking? At the next meeting ask about her trip North to Canada to see Polar Bears or start talking about the Blue Angels.





Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

Hi Bluebills,

February has gone by so fast, and the Busy B's have been back to work for a month now and are as busy as ever. Our newest member, Sybil Fletcher has jumped right in and started making quilts immediately. She's very talented and is a welcome addition to our group. Each of our Busy B's has their own unique style of creating quilts and it's always fun to see what's new.

I thought the Bluebills would be interested in what we produced last year besides all the stuffies and dolls for our Christmas giving.

- For Children's Hospital we gave 51 quilts, 209 medical dolls, and 72 fleece hats.
- Child Haven in Auburn got 31 quilts and 18 pairs of childrens long pants.
- The Pediatric Interim Clinic in Kent received 96 crocheted baby hats and 2 afghans.
- Valley Medical Center's neonatal unit was given 90 crocheted baby hats.
- St. Francis Hospital received 11 lap robes for dialysis patients.
- We gave the USO 16 fleece blankets and 9 pillow cases.
- The Regency Nursing Facility in Renton received 27 afghans and The Talbot Nursing Home also in Renton got 16 afghans.
- Veterans Hospital in Seattle was given 25 quilts and lap robes.

The pillow cases given to the USO were made from donated sheets and is an ongoing project. Yoshi Akers does all the cutting out of these and Jean Derheim sews them at home on her serger. Great teamwork.

Medical dolls for Children's is another ongoing project and we try to give them 24 each month. And of course, we all work on quilts of varying sizes.

We are always delighted to accept donations of materials we need, such as stuffing for the medical dolls. Another item that would be helpful is Barbie doll clothes. Not the dolls. I have plenty of them and they all need dresses!! If anyone would like to make some, that would be great.



On another note, we will be drawing the winning ticket for the raffle quilt that has been displayed at the last two meetings, at the March monthly meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities

Submitted by Norma Vaughn

Meals on Wheels of Kent is urgently in need of volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels in the Kent area. If you would like more information and want to help with this very important activity please contact Mr. Ed DeVange at 253-839-4979.

West Seattle BOEING Centennial Celebration

The Bluebills office recently received a telephone call from Mr. Clay Eals, Executive Director of the SW Seattle Historical Society, that is located at the Log House Museum off Alki Beach in Seattle. The purpose of this call was to ask if any Heritage Chapter Bluebills would like to work with them on a research project in advance of the Centennial of Boeing in July, 2016. They will be doing oral history interviews of as many people as they can who have worked for Boeing and who have lived in or do live in West Seattle. The purpose is to build up to the big reunion event in July, 2016. For those who are able to participate in this project there will also be a group photograph taken at Terminal 116 where the Red Barn was originally located. If you would like to contact Mr. Eals, his telephone number is 206-484-8008 or e-mail: Lclay.eals@loghousemuseum.linfo.

Correction—January Newsletter

By Lonnie Stevenson

At the January 30th general meeting: a vote for the BB's to honor a charity for Maybelle Brickley: consisted of three options:

A star of Honor On the Gallery of Stars at the USO (an yup ...this will be in the NEW USO DIGS)

A brick of Honor on the Patriot Wall in the New USO digs . .

A Brick on the paver walk for Fred Hutch / Cancer Care Alliance . .

The WINNING VOTE was for a STAR on the GALLERY of STARS at the USO Northwest, SeaTac Center !

News: By day’s end, we reached the \$500.00 cost for a star at the USONW Facility . .to honor our compatriot Maybelle Brickley.

We now have the wording from the family. It usually takes 2 months to get the star back, at which time we will get a time to have the star mounting party at the USO.

Any future donations could be made to the Cancer Care/Fred Hutch !

The memorial service for Maybelle was Saturday January 31st in Renton.

February Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. The first announcement was the sad news of the passing of Jeanne Haase on February 8. A memorial service will be held March 7 at 1:00 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines.

He then recognized three birthdays: Roy Barnes, Mavis LaBounty, Tom Moberg and two anniversaries: the Vaughns and the Barnes. There was one returning Bluebill – Jean Harris (formerly of the Sno-King Chapter) and five guests: Peggy Bostock, Lois Brown, Linda Sundblad, Dana and Olga Cowell.

Hoople held a pop quiz regarding last month’s Chairman’s Corner in the newsletter which tested members’ memories. He repeated the names of several folks who have recently been recognized for their contributions to the Bluebills’ efforts. He stated he would be continuing this practice in fu-

ture newsletters.

The next item was a reminder of the new responsibilities for 2015--the challenges, possibilities and opportunities. Members were asked to consider stepping into open Committee positions, including: Education, Agency Relations, Volunteer Coordinator, Retiree Assistant Program, and recorder for Chapter leadership meetings.

The Central Leadership Council is establishing a committee to look at recruiting/attracting new members. Contact Doug, Howard Syder or Don Hilt if you have any suggestions for ways to assist this committee.

Lonnie Stevenson announced that the goal has been met for purchasing a tribute star to honor Maybelle Brickley at the SeaTac airport USO facility. When it is ready to be installed, the Bluebills hope to gather for the occasion, including a concurrent celebration in honor of Jim Peterson.

Doug gave a brief rundown of upcoming activities:

- **March 8** – Easter baskets for Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
- **April 24** – At Work Breakfast, 7:00 am at Bellevue Hyatt Regency
- **April 24**—Bluebills meeting finger food potluck
- **August 28** – annual picnic at Coulon Park, South Shelter 1 Members were reminded to bring their monthly food bank donations to this event. Supplies were very sparse in recent years. So don’t forget.
- **September 11-15** – Washington State Fair booth
- **September 25**—Meeting Fall Hobby and Craft Fair
- **October 28** – Volunteer of the Year lunch, Doubletree Hotel, Southcenter.

Attention was then called to the beautiful quilt and pillow set on display. It is made up of vibrant fall colors – brown, gold, red, and orange. Members were encouraged to buy a \$1 raffle ticket. Proceeds will go toward supplies to help the Busy Bs with their ongoing projects for worthy causes. See Janice Hawes to participate.

Our Chairman then turned the mic over to Clay Eals, Southwest Seattle Historical Society, who encouraged members to get involved in the July 15, 2016 Boeing 100 year Centennial. See separate article.



Jim Beasley introduced the speaker David Selk, Horticulture Director, Woodland Park Zoo. Mr. Selk graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has been in the horticulture field since 1979 and has been at Woodland Park Zoo since 1993. He is responsible for the maintenance of the Park's Rose Garden and gave a great overview of the care, challenges and choices made with respect to this Seattle treasure.



Selk stated that due to the early spring weather, the regular pruning has resulted in removal of approximately five inches of new growth on the rose bushes.

To some this is considered “yard waste.” However, the zoo feeds it to the gorillas. They love the tender leaves, stems and even the thorns. In addition, he shared his expertise on the role of the zoo's landscape and its relevance to the animal exhibits.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park Zoo has sparked delight, discovery and unforgettable memories for generations of NW families. People who experience the wonders of the natural world are inspired to protect it. That's why every year the zoo leads more than one million people on a journey that inspires a lifelong love of animals and gives people the tools to take conservation action.

Selk's contribution to these efforts focuses on the role of both flora and fauna at the zoo. The hundreds of trees, plants, shrubs, bushes and flowers on and around the grounds play a part both ornamental and practical. Trees and plants help stabilize soil as well as illustrate the types of plants found in the habitats of animals from every corner of the globe. In addition, it also supplies food or a nice place to escape the sun, wind or rain. Every attempt is made to match the right plants with the right animals for their health and safety, as well as to enhance the beauty of the surroundings.

Tree canopy at the zoo has grown significantly since the fifties and changed the overall philosophy to one that sends the message that zoos are no longer a menagerie of animals in cages, but are conservation and education institutions. David noted that the zoo's landscape is designed to lead zoo patrons from one habitat to another, so the transition seems natural.

He states, “It's fairly well-documented that when the

animals were taken out of their bars and concrete environment (as was the old design of zoos in the 1950s) and placed in an environment of plants and natural habitat, the animals' health generally improved and their stress levels fell.”

As a result of a question from the audience, the subject of Zoo Doo compost was addressed. The Zoo Doo is the most exotic compost available in the Pacific Northwest. As a conservation organization, the Woodland Park Zoo is committed to being a steward of the environment and providing this 100% recycled product to the public. Zoo Doo is a fully composted blend of the manures of herbivore animals mixed with straw bedding, grass, leaves and wood chips from the grounds of the zoo. These animals include giraffe, hippos, gazelles, zebras and elephants, among others. The zoo creates nearly one million pounds of compost each year saving \$60,000 per year in disposal costs, not to mention the benefits reaped from selling said Zoo Doo. The program has become so successful that customers submit written requests and a lottery is then conducted to determine the lucky recipients.

Also as a result of audience interest, Selk addressed the subject of the relocation of the zoo's two Asian elephants. Progress is being made amid much attention by citizens and the local press.

Doug concluded the meeting with the door prize drawing and a request for members to note their birth dates on the sign-in sheet.

Speaker for March

by Jim Beasley

King County Sheriff, John Urquhart, to speak to the Bluebills on Friday March 27.

Sheriff John Urquhart has served the citizens of Washington State as a police officer for over 37 years, the last 25 as a full-time member of the King County Sheriff's Office. His career has included stints as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Master Police Officer, Sergeant, street-level vice/narcotics detective, public information officer and administrative aide to two sheriffs.

He will speak about the Sheriff's office; the challenges, funding, how they cover the county and personnel.

Where your “POP TOPS” are going

by Dick Beham

Received from Northwest Kidney Centers
12/02/2014

George (not his real name) is the first person in the world to ‘wear’ an artificial kidney for a full day -right here in Seattle! Here’s what George said about participating in the research trial that people like you made possible through your gifts (‘Pop Tops’):



Photo credit: Stephen Brashear

“After 24 hours on the wearable artificial kidney, I felt so much better than I have after 15 months on a regular dialysis. I didn’t care that it weighed 10 pounds. If I had the opportunity I

would be wearing it today. I know that research is continuing so it will get miniaturized. I volunteered for the study because so many people will benefit. There is no doubt about it.

Your gift, ‘Pop Tops’ go to Northwest Kidney Centers in support of kidney research to help jump start the development of promising ideas like the wearable artificial kidney long before they qualify for federal funding.

We delivered, along with Washington State Square Dancers, **397 lbs of ‘Pop Tops’** last month.

Thank You!

Want To Know More About Your Future Benefits Now – Open a My Social Security Account

By Kirk Larson

Social Security Western Washington Public Affairs Specialist

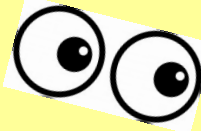
The my Social Security account is a personalized online account that people can use beginning in their working years and continuing throughout the time they receive Social Security benefits.

If you have not started benefits you can – get a personalized online Social Security Benefit Statement. The online Statement provides eligible workers with secure and convenient access to their Social Security earnings and benefit information, and estimates of future benefits they can use to plan for their retirement. You can see year by year how much money you made. In addition, the portal includes links to information about other online services, such as applications for retirement, disability, and Medicare.

If you are already receiving benefits you can - access benefit verification letters, payment history, and earnings record instantly using their online account. Social Security beneficiaries also can change their address or change direct deposit information online. In the future additional services will be available.

People age 18 and older can sign up for an account and after completing the secure verification process, create a My Social Security account with a unique user name and password to access their information.

For more information, please go to www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/



Looking Ahead

APRIL FINGER-FOOD POT LUCK

Attention all Heritage Chapter Bluebills! Spring is almost upon us and what better way to celebrate than with a Finger-Food Pot Luck at our April 24th monthly meeting. So – get out your favorite finger-food recipes and prepare to wow us with your culinary expertise. We hope to see you there.

SEPTEMBER - HOBBY AND CRAFT FAIR

The Heritage Chapter has many gifted hobbyists and crafters who make lovely and interesting items. We would love to see what you create in your spare time. Please bring your “show and tell” items to the September 25th monthly meeting. If you would like to sell any items, that will be okay, too. We look forward to a big turnout for this fun event.

Calendar of Events 2015

Mar 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 28	Chapter Picnic (TBD)
Sep 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting

Food Bank Schedule For 2015

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

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	Bob Lambert
October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz
January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

March 27, 2015

VFW Post 1263
416 Burnett Ave S
Renton, WA



Daylight Savings time begins
March 8th

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

Speaker: King County Sheriff, John Urquhart

Topic: ". The Sheriff's office; the challenges, funding, and mission. "

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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 _____

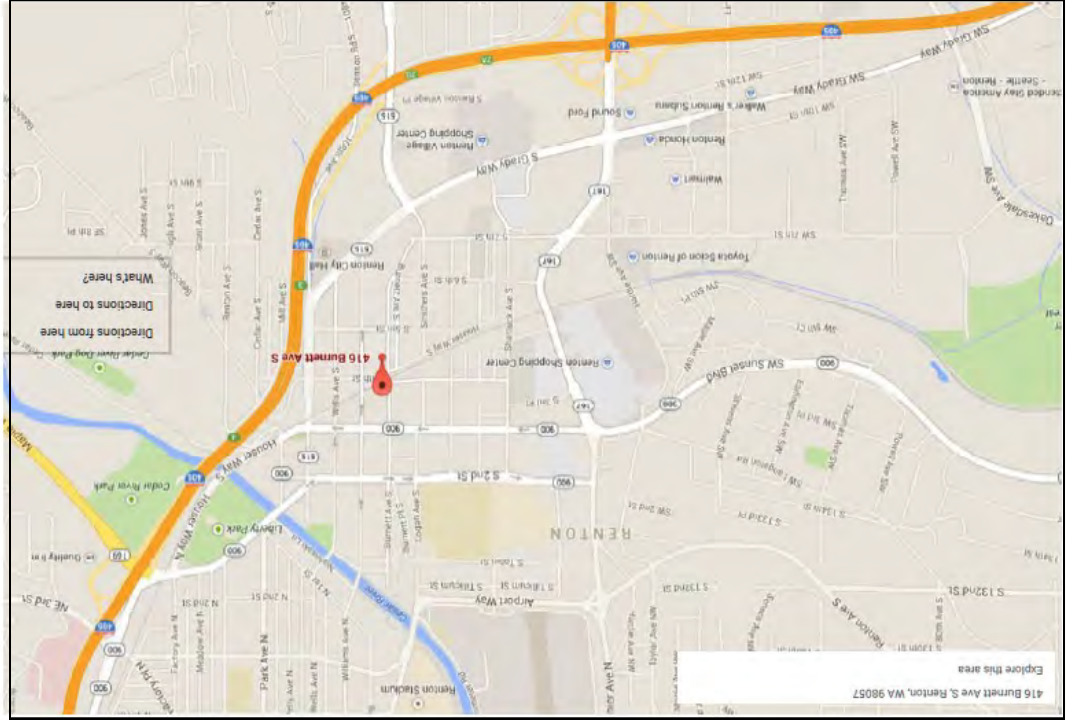
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting: 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton WA 98057



From the **north** take 405 S to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N to Bronson Way. Keep right and continue on S 2nd St. Turn left onto 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. Go one 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. Continue three blocks to VFW.

