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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



I would like to try a new way of connecting our Bluebills with volunteer opportunities.

In my January comments I stated some sign-up sheets would be made available at the February meeting to help Bluebills get involved with volunteer activities for: 1) the Museum of Flight, 2) educational resources events with the Boeing Centennial, and 3) other centennial events with Boeing employees.

The idea is for us, in the office, to get an indication of who is interested in participation in these events/projects. In the past we had Maybelle Brickley as a volunteer coordinator and she knew who was interested in what volunteer activities. We need to fill that void caused by her passing.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please sign up to indicate an interest. As more information is known we will contact those interested and check on your availability for the specific dates.

For those of you who receive our newsletter and aren't able to attend our monthly meetings, I would ask you to call the office or email me indicating your interest.

I will try to place announcements in this newsletter to keep you informed about upcoming

opportunities. At the present time we know few exact dates, which is why the signup lists are to identify your interest in participating. When the exact dates, time, etc. are known; we will contact you for availability.

An example is the Earth Days coming up in April, you will find a separate article in this newsletter with the current information.

In May or July there will be a possibility of delivering coffee and donuts to Boeing employees as part of the Anniversary and to thank employees for their support of the community. If it's coordinated with the Employee Community Fund drive, it will happen in May. If not, it will happen in July. The ECF staff is still getting organized so their schedule is not set. It will be working with the USO, which has received generous funding from Boeing and the ECF. Should be a fun time to identify with the active Boeing employees and make our organization known.

In another area of interest, for those of you who worked with Ken Porter in the past volunteering in educational and science fairs or are interested in working with schools and education. Brad Gupta has volunteered to be our volunteer chairman in that area and could use your help, please contact him and help to rebuild our group volunteering in STEM activities.



Happy
Easter!

Busy B's

by Janice Hawes



Hi Bluebills,

Yoshi Akers is this month's featured Busy B. She was born in Saga, Japan. Her father was a Buddhist Priest. She met her future husband, Les Akers when she worked at a service club called Club



Lorraine, which was like our USO. She played the piano there. A girl friend who was married to an American G. I. introduced her to Les. Before they could get married she had to take classes to convert from Buddhism to her husband's protestant religion and have a background check by the FBI and the CIA and even then could only get married at the American Consul in Japan. They were married in 1955 and came to the U.S. in 1957. They moved to Les's hometown of Wenatchee where he became a policeman. They later moved to Auburn. She took classes at Auburn High School in American History and the Constitution to become a Naturalized citizen. She pretty much learned English on

her own, with the help of Les who spoke Japanese. Les went to work for Boeing and Yoshi worked at Heath Technical in Renton, where she learned to work with fiberglass.

She worked for Boeing from 1964 to 1967, then quit when they adopted 3 children, two boys and one girl, all siblings. She later returned to work for Boeing when they opened a fiberglass shop at the Renton plant. Her title at Boeing was Plastic Rework Machinery. She worked with fiberglass composites. One time on this job, she was hoisted up to the tail of a 727 to repair a tail cone. She retired in 1994.

While working for Boeing, she volunteered at the Federal Way Senior Center and to this day, puts in many volunteer hours there.

She learned about the Busy B's from Bambi and joined the group in 2002.

She and Les bought a motor home and traveled throughout the United States, up into Canada, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. They wintered in Yuma, Arizona for many years.

She has three poodles, Tazi, Cocoa, and Chivi, which is a Japanese word for tiny, although Chivi no longer fits that name she says.

Yoshi is our go to person at Busy B's whenever something needs to be measured and cut. She is an expert at this. She works on our medical dolls, crochets baby hats, and helps where ever she is needed. And, she brings in goodies each week for everyone to snack on. She is certainly a valued member of our group.

Just a note to mention that I met with Margaret Huntington recently and had lunch with her and another Bluebill, Betty Stark, who volunteers at the Fairwood Library. Margaret gave me a lot of cro-

cheted hats that a fellow resident made, and bags full of yarn. The yarn will go to Bluebill Estelle Meade who creates such lovely afghans, and the hats will go to whoever needs them at Christmas.

February Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibari



Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then asked the two new members to introduce themselves and tell the audience a little about their former positions with The Boeing Company. Welcome

Jack Congrove and Nancy Lee Davidson. Next, there were three birthdays recognized – Mavis LaBounty, Tom Moberg and Roy Barnes. And finally three anniversaries – Norma and Richard Vaughn, Carmel and Don Camerini and Lois and Roy Barnes.

Doug pointed out the sign-up sheets placed around the room and asked members to add their names to those sheets indicating volunteer projects in which they would be interested. He also clarified that the finger-food potluck will take place at the April 29 meeting, and the August 26 picnic will be at the same location in Gene Coulon Park.

Jim Beasley then introduced the first of two speakers, Leslie Hazzard, Boeing Strategic Centennial



Communications, by sharing some background information about Leslie:

Planned to become an airline pilot but experienced airsickness with every lesson in a four-seater Cessna 172 airplane.

So plan “B” was earning a journalism degree from Western Washington University, followed by working briefly as a reporter at the Pierce County Herald in Puyallup.

Joined Boeing in 1985 as a writer and editor at the Kent Space Center and went on to learn new skills at locations all around the Puget Sound region.

Became an experienced writer and editor and Public Relations (PR) person in various organizations across the company.

Favorite assignment until now was role as editor-in-chief of AERO magazine, the technical publication for all Boeing airline customers, after the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger in 1997.

Most memorable Boeing experience was being the PR person on board the last flight of the Dash 80 – from Seattle to Washington, DC – to deliver the airplane to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum annex at Dulles Airport, where it’s resided since 2003.

The Dash 80 was the prototype to the 707, the world’s first successful commercial jetliner and the airplane that Boeing test pilot “Tex” Johnston barrel-rolled at the 1955 Seafair hydroplane races.

Current role is Boeing Commercial Airplanes leader for the Boeing Centennial on July 15th of this year.

Father worked for Boeing and she never thought she would, but here she is 30 years later and loves being part of the Boeing family. Her husband is a Boeing engineer, her stepson is a mechanic on the 777 program and she recently became a grandmother.

With the help of a visual presentation, Leslie provided a summary of the current Boeing vision for retiree involvement in the centennial celebration this year. Boeing, and specifically BCA CEO and President Ray Conner, intends to include retirees along with employees in the celebrations. She pointed out retirees are a huge part of the company’s successful history and can be instrumental in its success during the next 100 years.

The official 100th anniversary is Friday July 15 at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. There are plans for other festivities mainly over the course of the three-day birth-

day weekend (July 15-17), and also throughout the year. These will include an airplane fly-in of commercial and military airplanes. Also, there will be a screen on the field displaying Boeing's history with photos from throughout the years, and a light show displayed on the planes themselves. There are plans for other activities to make it a festival-like atmosphere for employees, retirees and visitors. And don't forget to check out the Boeing Store for commemorative products.

Some commitments at this time include the Museum of Flight with space in the historic Red Barn for a "Boeing Room." Employees, retirees and the community are invited to bring in their favorite Boeing artifact and display it in the Boeing Room during the roughly four-month run of the "Above & Beyond" traveling exhibit at the MoF. After the Boeing Room closes, anyone who displayed an artifact is welcome to take it back or donate it to the Boeing Archives as a permanent piece in that collection.

The "Above & Beyond" exhibit is underwritten by Boeing as its gift back to the world on this 100th anniversary. It's focused on the first 100 years of innovation in aerospace and is aimed at students ages 7-14 to get them interested in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) career so they can become the innovators in aviation and aerospace in the next 100 years.

Boeing is hosting an external Centennial website (www.boeing.com/100) and inviting anyone to submit his or her Boeing story, along with a photo. The hope is that retirees will take advantage of the opportunity to share their story with the world. When the site closes down after the Centennial, all stories will become a permanent part of the Boeing Archives collection. Check it out on the website – interesting and informative.

There will be a number of volunteer opportunities for the "Above & Beyond" and birthday weekend events, so it is hoped retirees will share their experience, knowledge, interest and enthusiasm as volunteers for some of those teams.

With the help of the sign-up sheets and more information to be provided in the near future, interested Bluebills members will be contacted. Leslie concluded the presentation to a big round of applause.

After a short break, Jim then introduced the next speaker Jim Hammond, project administrator for Sound Transit's Communications and External Affairs department.



He works with staff within Sound Transit and throughout local government on complex communication projects to ensure coordination, clarity and

accuracy. Jim recently celebrated his 12th anniversary as a Sound Transit employee and is passionate about making it easier to get around our ever-growing region.

Prior to joining Sound Transit, Jim had the good fortune to work for some of the region's finest local elected officials, including former Snohomish County Executive Bob Drewel and former Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, in a variety of policy advisor roles. In addition to transportation, Jim has worked in issue areas related to housing, human services, land use, and economic development. He is also a member of the Washington State Bar Association.

Again, with the help of visuals, Jim presented an overview of the make up and history of Sound Transit, which includes three sections – buses, the Sounder train and the Link Light rail. Today's focus was on the light rail in the Puget Sound Region, including current activities and plans for the future.

Due to the growing population of the Puget Sound area, by the year 2040, the region is expected to grow by roughly a million people, a 32% increase. Preparing for this growth will help maintain our strong economy, clean air and great quality of life.

Our region's existing road network is maxed out. Commutes are taking longer and longer. Building a world-class transportation system will allow us

to travel faster and with less stress while keeping the air cleaner. Light rail can move 12,000 people per hour in each direction, compared to about 700 cars per hour in a congested highway lane.

Current progress on the light rail includes the extension from downtown Seattle to Capital Hill and the University District. The Capital Hill/U District route is due to open mid-March with future plans extending the line to Lynnwood. Due to open this fall is the new section from SeaTac Airport to Angle Lake.

State lawmakers approved a 12-cent hike in the state gas tax for road projects across Washington. As part of the deal, Sound Transit was given the authority to raise \$15 billion to extend light rail up and down the Puget Sound region. Sound Transit has been anxious to extend the current light rail line, but the agency had to wait for the state to give it the go-ahead, which it just got.

Now it plans to ask voters next year for \$15 billion to expand light rail north into Snohomish County and south into Pierce County. This third phase is for light rail extensions by 2031:

- Lynnwood to Everett
- Federal Way to Tacoma
- Bellevue to Redmond
- Ballard to West Seattle

An estimate of new Sound Transit taxes for residents in the district comprising King, Pierce and Snohomish counties amount to:

- Sales: .4 percent increase
- Property: \$112 for average homeowner
- Car Tab: \$80 per 10K of vehicle value

Enthusiasm for this new phase runs high due to the realization of this beneficial progress for the region's citizens. Hammond concluded his presented with a number of questions from the audience.

Doug closed the meeting with the door prize drawings.

Reminder

Don't forget to turn in your volunteer hours as soon as possible after the end of the month. This

will help keep our monthly, quarterly and annual records current for reporting to Boeing. There are a number of ways to do this: bring the slip provided to the meeting or mail it to Bluebills, PO Box 3707, M/S 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124. Call the office at 206-544-6286 or email to bluebills@boeing.com. Thanks, folks.

Red Hat Event

Submitted by: Eleanor Skinner



Our next meeting is at Bahama Breeze at south center, lunch at 1pm on March 10th 2016 (Thursday). Its more to introduce new gals to the group, you being one of them. We don't usually wear red hat much anymore. Maybe something colorful in the hair (like what Judy and I made and wear). But it is not required. Let me know if you can attend.

Boeing Earth Days 2016

Join Boeing employees, friends and family to support Boeing's commitment to the environment by participating in volunteer events in our local community.

The 2016 focus is projects which align with storm water management.

Projects will be listed on Boeing's Volunteer Connection website with the phrase "PS Earth Day" in the event/project title.

Projects should take 4 to 6 hours using at least 25 volunteers. Agencies will provide a project coordinator and all tools and supplies.

The dates will be April 9, 16, 23 and 30; come join your fellow Bluebills and active Boeing employees on these events/projects.

Speaker for March Peter Morton

Submitted by: Jim Beasley

Unmanned Aircraft Systems, UAS, or as the public is fond of calling them “drones”, are entering our society with a speed that challenges regulatory authorities (FAA in USA), intrusiveness that threatens public sensibilities, and technology that opens possibilities for applications that were science fiction a few short months ago. The FAA concentrates on “safe integration of UAS into the NAS”. The public is wary of privacy loss. The business community sees UAS as “the next big thing”. Other airspace users see unfettered use of AS as a threat. Peter Morton’s presentation will explore the control laws, the public laws, and the out laws; and will survey the myriad applications emerging to put UAS to work in the service, amusement, and harassment.

Peter M. Morton’s extensive 58-year career has been predominantly in aviation, including pilot training, flight deck design, marketing, program management and executive manage-



ment. As a consultant Peter has worked in the areas of aviation training, flight operations, emergent air traffic management technologies, unmanned aircraft testing and operations, and flight data monitoring. He has also designed, organized and led large-scale symposia and workshops, and been a member and leader of numerous industry advisory boards. Prior to consulting, Peter held several executive positions at the Boeing Company including Vice President Human Resources and Leadership Development, Director of Marketing, Director of Customer Training, Director 7J7 Program Management, and Chief Engineer 757 flight deck. Peter was past president of and now serves on the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). He is a Trustee of the Museum of Flight and chairs the Pathfinder Committee, and also serves as a Trustee of the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts. Peter earned a Bachelor degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Volunteer of the Year 2015



Sea-Tac Center: Lonnie Stevenson

- Regular volunteer at major events such as Gala, Golf Tournament
- Represented the USO NW at a USO Appreciation program on Veterans Day
- Spearheaded the food and sundry donation program with Fred Meyer

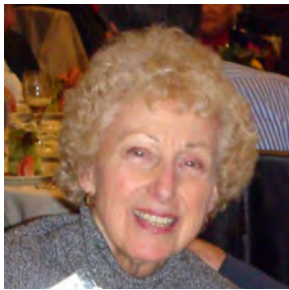
Meet Brad Grupa Education Chairman

Meet Brad Gupta our new Education Chairman. Brad has a Ph.D. in Engineering, and has promoted STEM in education throughout his career, so he is well qualified for this volunteer opportunity.

Brad retired from a 35 year Boeing engineering career with assignments mainly on the Defense side with the Apache Helicopter AH-64, Air Force Fighter F-22, Navy P-8 and an unmanned program. His assignments took him to Arizona and California, but he has now retired to the Puget Sound area. Brad was born in India, and immigrated to USA some 46 years ago.

We invite all of you who worked with Ken Porter in our education volunteer programs to join Brad as he rebuilds that volunteer effort.

Eileen Isabel Bear(1931 - 2016)



Eileen Isabel Bear (Bluebills Volunteer of the Year 2002)

Eileen Isabel Bear passed away on January 15, 2016 at the age of 84 from dementia. She was surrounded by her loving family. Born June 13, 1931, she lived most of her life in West Seattle. She enjoyed a long career at Boeing, and also worked at JC Penney and the West Seattle Theater. She was a generous woman, spending her retirement years with the Boeing retiree group the Bluebills.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Heinz Gehlhaar; children Sheila Carter (Bob), Sharon Gangwish, and David Mitchell; grandchildren Marci (Sean) Burden, Wesley (Diana) Carter, Byron (Jennifer) Gangwish, and Mitchell (Kamille) Gangwish, and great-grandsons Gus Burden and Oliver Carter. She is also survived by step-sons Hans (Betty) Gehlhaar and Karl (LaDonna) Gehlhaar, and grandchildren Shannon Polion (Michael), Heidi Gehlhaar, Heidi Oriol (Mike), Lindsey Gilmour, and Ian Reed.

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Heritage Chapter Volunteer Data for 2015

	Number of		
	<u>Hours Reported</u>	<u>Volunteers Reporting</u>	<u># of Projects</u>
1st Quarter	8203	264	210
2nd Quarter	8375	220	161
3rd Quarter	9291	229	164
4th Quarter	<u>7668</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>147</u>
Totals for the Year	<u>33,537</u>	<u>667</u>	<u>682</u>

Total Bluebills Volunteer Data for 2015

	Number of		
	<u>Hours Reported</u>	<u>Volunteers Reporting</u>	<u># of Projects</u>
1st Quarter	14,132	507	513
2nd Quarter	15,181	517	506
3rd Quarter	16,022	502	498
4th Quarter	<u>13,423</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>426</u>
Totals for the Year	<u>58,758</u>	<u>1,940</u>	<u>1,943</u>

Value of one volunteer hour = \$27.54

(WA State 2014 value)

Total Value of Bluebills Volunteer Hours for 2015 = \$1,618,195.32

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 (Coulán Pk)
Sep 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	Open
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Open

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

March 25, 2016

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

Speaker: Peter Morton, Trustee of the Museum of Flight

Topic: *“Air Space Revolution with Consequences”*

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 _____

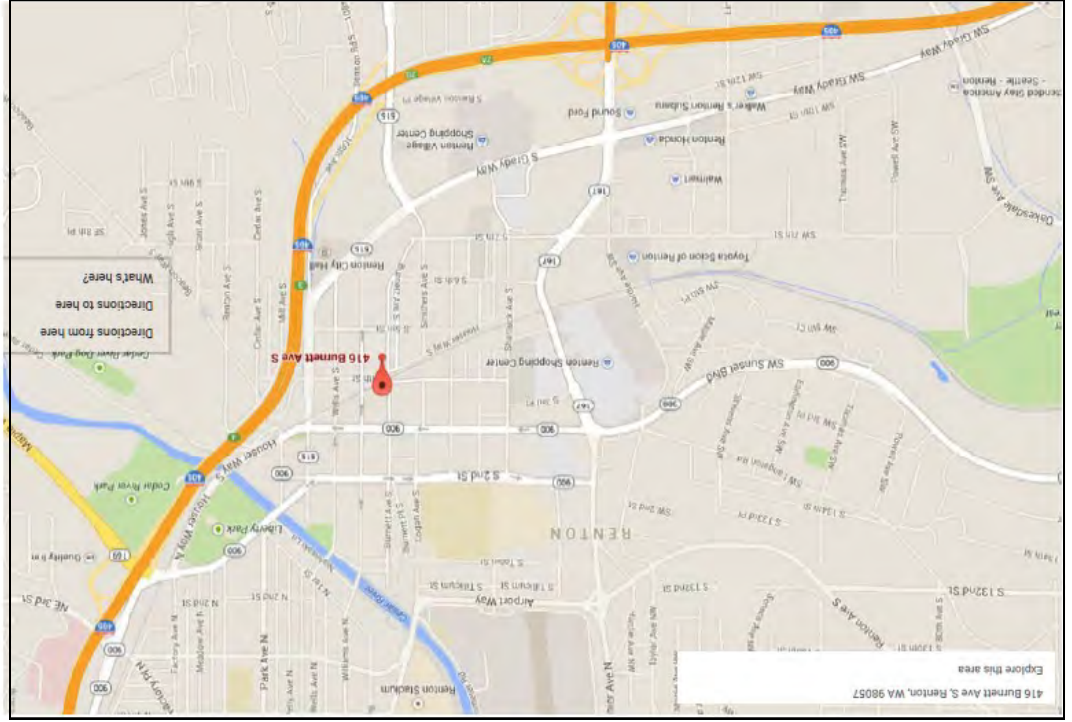
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

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 on Williams Ave S. Turn left onto Williams Ave S and turn right onto 5th St. Go one right onto 5th St. Go one block and turn right onto Burnett 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.

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.

