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Chapter Report

By Doug Hoople



Greetings from one of your four Co-Chairmen. As Richard Vaughn explained last month there are four of us temporarily holding down the fort. On Friday, January 22nd I conducted the meeting and now I get to write the Chairman's comments for the newsletter.

Remembering and Reflection: As I opened the meeting, I asked all those present to allow me to change the opening of the meeting. In the past week we had learned of the passing of Bob Stubbs and Bob Lambert, additionally the Vaughns lost their Daughter to cancer. I was unable to attend Bob Stubbs funeral because I was attending a service for a Veteran's wife who had passed. At this time of the loss of so many people I asked those attending the meeting to take a moment of silence to reflect on those who had just passed and those in our lives who are dear to us.

We sometimes don't take the time to reflect on the importance of those around us, both family and friends, who make our journey through life that much more pleasant. I spend a lot of time volunteering in many places for many organizations. This week the Issaquah schools were on vacation, so I was going to take the time off to go visit Bob Lambert. But now it's too late for that, opportunity lost, he passed before I got a day off. I obviously made a judgment error there, what were my priorities in the past few weeks? Obviously I wasn't thinking about Bob. My loss not his. Now I don't get to say good bye to a good man and friend. How do I measure that? It's an immeasurable loss.

In having to write some comments I was going to continue Richard's request for people to stand up and take a leadership position in the Bluebills. To me it comes down to commitment.

When I was working at Boeing I always liked the books of Ken Blanchard, the "One Minute Manager" author. I always felt he simplified leadership and management down to the basics. Employees must have the initiative, the ability and a commitment to work. To be a successful author, who wants to earn money, you must keep writing books. Which he did. There is a long series of One-Minute-Manager and situational leadership books to his credit. In one of those later books he questioned our commitment to our commitment. Yes it's easy to commit to a job or project, but are you really committed to making it successful? My rule is never commit to something I'm not totally committed to do completely to the best of my ability. Back when I served as Chair of the Bluebills, I stopped doing other volunteer obligations because I knew I would not have the time to do them satisfactorily. Because of current volunteer obligations (which take about 130 hours per month) I know I can't commit to being the Bluebill Chair full time. But I know I can do some of

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those responsibilities. I'm willing to make a commitment to Bluebills to be part of a team, which I know we can do the task at hand.

What is your commitment to Bluebills? Is it good enough to attend meeting, listen to speakers, socialize, eat donuts, drink coffee and engage in some volunteer opportunities? Or are you able to make a commitment to leadership in the Bluebills? Can you share your leadership skills with the group? Can you make a commitment?

I usually get on my soapbox about supporting Veterans, the homeless, children & schools and the community, so I'd better get off this one about serving Bluebills before I get in trouble.

Doug

Speaker for March

By: Jim Beasley



The subject for March will be “The New Nordic Museum”, 2655 Market St., Seattle. The Nordic Museum is an internationally recognized museum and cultural center where people of all backgrounds are welcomed to be inspired by the values, traditions, art, and spirit of the Nordic peoples.

Dedicated to collecting, preserving, and educating since its founding in 1980, the Nordic Museum is the largest museum in the United States to honor the legacy of immigrants from the five Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.



February Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

Doug Hoople began the meeting with sad news of the loss of two beloved members – Bob Lambert and Bob Stubbs. The members observed a few moments of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were two February birthdays – Roy Barnes and Tom Moberg. Jim Bunt stated his was in January, but he missed the meeting. There were four anniversaries – Lois/Roy Barnes, Norma/Richard Vaughn, Howard/Jean Syder and Carmel/Don Camerini.

Richard shared the loss of his daughter, Karen, recently who was visiting during the holidays along with her husband. He praised the wonderful hospice care she was provided and requested Jim Beasley have a representative from that organization speak at a future meeting.

Doug reiterated he is chairing the meeting as one of the four members who agreed to share the duty due to lack of official officers for the Heritage Chapter. Those four are Heinz Gehlhaar, Don Hilt, Richard Vaughn and Doug. And, of course, we thank them for their continued service for transporting supplies, setting up and clearing the VFW hall each month.

Jim Beasley then introduce this month's speaker Caleb Marshall of Rebuilding Together Seattle. Caleb joined

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the organization in 2013 as the Director of Programs and now serves as Executive Director. His background and experience in program development and community engagement was formed during his seven years prior at KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit with a mission to create great places to play and increase children's access to play, and his three years of service in the Peace Corps, where he worked on rural community health and development in Morocco and Kyrgyzstan. Caleb believes strongly in the capacity of volunteers to strengthen our communities, and bringing them together to address our basic human need for housing security in order to grow and sustain Seattle in an equitable way. He's seen incredible examples of this across the country, having lived in eight states before moving to Seattle seven years ago with his wife, who is Northwest born and raised. He's the proud father of a 17-month-old son and another on the way this summer.

With the help of a PowerPoint presentation, Caleb gave an informative overview of the benefits of Rebuilding Together Seattle (RTS) starting with:

Mission

Repairing homes, revitalizing communities, rebuilding lives.

Vision

Safe homes and communities for everyone.

Values

In an effort to define the organization deeper than their mission and vision statements, Rebuilding Together Seattle has developed and put forth five values as a framework for the operations and a testimony to the identity they strive to exemplify. Each of these values hold both personal and collective importance to the staff and board, and seek to express the traditions of the organization.

1. Service to a Cause Greater than Self
2. Teamwork
3. Continuous Improvement
4. Compassion
5. Respect

Caleb reported on some of the major projects the organization spearheads, providing examples as he went along. Major topics were:

Spring Rebuilding Day

This is one of RTS's flagship program, first launched in 1990. Roughly 1,000 volunteers restore about 25 homes and nonprofit facilities in one day with the support of community sponsors and partners every year on the last Saturday in April.

Team Build

The Team Build Program consists of sponsored rebuilding day events that take place throughout the year, outside of Spring Rebuilding Day. Team Build is well suited for companies or organizations looking for a rewarding team-building volunteer opportunity for their employees.

Safe at Home

Safe at Home is RTS's year-round maintenance program. It provides homeowners with critical home repairs, such as grab bars, flooring, security repairs, electric, plumbing repairs. These projects are completed over one or a few work days.

The following are a few more of the key volunteer roles:

Safe at Home Volunteers

The Safe at Home Program is a year-round maintenance program that provides homeowners with critical, mission-focused home repairs. Safe at Home volunteer teams and individuals will complete small-scope, technical home repairs that require experience in electrical work, plumbing, carpentry, or other repair skills.

Volunteer House Captains

Volunteer House Captains lead repair projects on a year-round basis for sponsor groups who may not have a skilled volunteer to lead their project. These volunteers are skilled in home repairs and have experience with volunteer and project management.

Rebuilding Day Volunteers

There are roughly 2,000 people volunteering every year either through the Spring Rebuilding Day or Team Build Programs. Typically, these volunteers are part of a larger group that provides the sponsorship funding for a Rebuilding Day project.

Office/Committee Volunteer

RTS operates with a very small staff so help is always appreciated. Specifically, there is a need of volunteers who have experience in web design, marketing, accounting, or similar professional fields. There are also opportunities on various volunteer committees, including Development, Marketing and Other Programs.

Caleb promised to send brochures to the Bluebills office for those interested in more detail. In the meantime, for more information, contact Caleb at cmarshall@rtseattle.org or call 206-682-1231.

After a number of questions were answered, Jim thanked Caleb and returned the meeting to Doug to close with the door prize drawing.



Bob Stubbs February 13, 2019

Bob Stubbs was born in Brooklyn, NY. He was very proud of graduating from Brooklyn Tech High School as well as Cooper Union College in NY. Passed away February 13, 2019.

He hired into Boeing in June 1962 and first worked for Jim Beasley. After a brief time in Huntsville, Bob reported to Michaud in New Orleans, LA, as part of the Saturn V program. Bob spent about 18 months at Cape Kennedy. He returned to New Orleans/Michaud representing the Cape on the change board in Sept 1967.

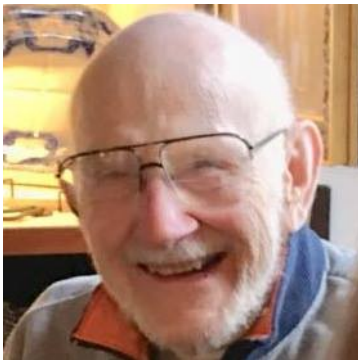
Like many in the summer of 1973, he received orders: of move to Seattle or be laid off. We arrived Oct 4, 1973. Job offers to move with Boeing again were never interesting enough to pursue or leave the people he enjoyed working with.

Career-wise Bob was most proud of working on the Saturn V program and the Hubble telescope. Volunteering after retirement was always part of Bob's master plan. Volunteering at the Kent Food bank as well as NW Harvest in Kent was important but he'd buttonhole anyone and everyone explaining the Bluebills activities, especially the years school supplies that were handed out from the Kent Boeing site. In recent years he may not have felt as able to participate due to Parkinson, but a chance to see everyone once a month (ok...and the monthly donut) was a boost and goal for him to show up and visit.

Thank you
Melinda, son Charles Stubbs, daughter Deborah & granddaughter Morgan Marceau

Robert Lambert

April 1928 – February 2019



We are saddened to share the news of the passing of Bob Lambert on February 14, 2019, who had celebrated his 90th birthday in April 2018.

Bob was retired U.S. Air Force Colonel and had served as chief of intelligence in Nakon Phenom, Thailand from 1969-1970..

In September 1994 a Boeing retiree team, about 27 retirees and one Boeing manager, met to design, build, and fly what became known as the Boeing Retiree Volunteers. The first chapter of Bluebills, organized in 1995, is called the Heritage Chapter.

The Boeing retiree organization, named Bluebills after the name of the first Boeing airplane, provided a vehicle for Boeing retirees and spouses to meet old friends, make new ones, and pursue projects enhancing personal relevance and resulting in community improvement, and to have fun. The goals discussed in 1994 are still a work in progress. Bluebills can be proud of 24 years of accomplishments bringing priceless improvements to our communities and equally important, self-satisfaction.

Bob was gifted with a commemorative “brick” acknowledging his military service, as well as efforts on behalf of Boeing and the Bluebills, which is at the USO NW Center at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Bob was the founding Father of Bluebills and will be sorely missed.



We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our family members, friends and especially our Bluebills friends for their messages and cards we received during the past month in the passing of our daughter, Karen Law, on February 6, 2019. Your prayers and caring have helped us so much. Thank you.

Norma and Richard Vaughn

Keep up to date with events and information on all the Bluebill chapters by going to the Web Site <http://www.bluebills.org/> and join us on Facebook.

Calendar of Events 2019

Jan 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 23	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Sep 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

Food Bank Schedule For 2019

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	Jim Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob 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	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Lonnie Stevenson

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



Maarch 29, 2019

10:00AM Social,

10:30AM to 12:00Noon Meeting

Speaker: TBD

Subject: "The New Nordic Museum"

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 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.

