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Chapter Report

By Linda Houser

Greetings from your new Chairperson!

I'm Linda Houser, and I am a recent retiree of Boeing! I retired in December 2019 after 37.5 years. I loved working at Boeing and was very proud to work there. I retired from Boeing Commercial Airplanes Sales & Marketing. I led a team of professionals tasked with providing all sorts of training – executive leadership training, pilot development, project management, etc, to Chinese airline customers, the Chinese government, and the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC). The CAAC is the equivalent of the FAA. When sales directors sell aircraft, part of the sales purchase agreement is to provide training. My team was often called the “secret weapon,” as it could be used as leverage to clinch an aircraft sale. I traveled to China 12 times, to all parts of the country. I also worked as a project manager on several airplane programs – the P-8 Poseidon, the KC-46 Tanker, the 777X, and the 737 MAX. I took advantage of Boeing's tuition reimbursement program and obtained two master's degrees, a Master of Science in HR Management with an emphasis in organizational development, and a Master of Arts in Leadership. I'm a lifelong learner, and especially enjoy history. My hobbies include several volunteer organizations – the Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI) in Seattle, the Washington State Historical Society in Tacoma, Valley Medical Center volunteer health coach program, and I'm an ambassador for Road Scholar. I also volunteer for an organization called Just Speak. I join other native English speakers in Poland a couple of times a year for English immersion classes with Polish individuals wishing to improve their English skills. Traveling is a passion for me.

Enough about me!

I'm looking forward to being involved with the Bluebills. I have a few thoughts and ideas to share with you. **Mostly I would like to hear from you!** I want to learn what you think, things you'd like to do, ways to partner with the community, or activities you'd like to be involved with. From what I've already learned, Richard Vaughn, Don Hilt, and Doug Hoople have done phenomenal in managing the Bluebills. I want to learn from them – what's been working, where help is needed.

Please send me an e-mail or call me – lindahouser@comcast.net, and introduce yourself to me! My phone number is (206) 824-7347.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Very best regards,

Linda Houser



Busy B's

Submitted by Janice Hawes

This month's column was written by Lana Mitsules.

We are all busy with our projects we started in January. We are enjoying our new member Melinda Stubbs who has quilting experience and started right in with a square repeated pattern. Janice sewed over 400 yoyos and has sewn them into a quilt -- what a sight to behold. Sibyl is into a quilt where one sews four squares together and then cuts them up and rearranges the pieces and sews them back together again. When Lisa came back from break she delivered 7 freshly made quilts - all beautiful! Lana is busy on a Pick-Up-Sticks pattern quilt, so we are busy, as usual. We always welcome new members, so if you are interested in trying your hand on a fun project, check in with Janice.

Lana Mitsules

Note from Janice. Melinda just recruited a new Busy B. Cindy Holms has joined us and we welcome her. Another note, we have extra sewing machines and 3 cabinets of fabric, everything needed to make quilts or other projects.

Janice



Speaker for March 27th Chapter Meeting

By: Jim Beasley



The speaker for March is **Captain Anthony Barnes** from the Salvation Army. Captain Anthony Barnes shares responsibility over The Salvation Army's work in South Seattle and the surrounding communities with his wife, Captain Lisa Barnes. He is currently at the Seattle White Center Corps Community Center in Seattle, Washington. Prior to his current appointment, Captain Anthony served for five and a half years at the Southwest Divisional Headquarters in Arizona. Before coming to The Salvation Army, Captain Anthony Barnes spent several years in Law Enforcement. He has a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership, and has a passion for leadership development. Captain Anthony, along with his wife Lisa, have two children; Anthony (15) and Leilah (8).



February Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri

This Month's Meeting Recap is written by Norma Vaughn.

Linda Houser, Heritage Chapter Chairman, opened the meeting by introducing herself and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Linda called for February birthday (s) and Tom Moberg was the only one who would admit to having one. Two couples reported February anniversaries - Carmel and Don Camerini celebrated their 35th anniversary this month and Richard and Norma Vaughn celebrated their 66th anniversary on February 7th. There were no new members today. Linda passed around a sign-up sheet asking members to indicate their willingness to help man the Bluebills' booth at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup in September if the chapter decides to host a booth there.

Norma Vaughn provided a report about several of our chapter members. We are saddened that the chapter lost two members since we met last month. Janet Bertagni passed away on January 30, 2020. Janet is survived by her brother, Gerry, who is also a member of Heritage Chapter. Zip Zuther passed on February 21, 2020. Oscar Olague gave a tribute to Zip Zuther who was a very good friend of his. At the request of Zip's daughter, Oscar prepared a list of the many volunteer efforts and the agencies he supported during his years of volunteering.

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Ben Sakamoto is feeling much better and is now enjoying settling into his new home. Fran Parker has been hospitalized and then returned home with nursing care.

Jim Beasley then introduced the guest speaker, Minh-Duc Pham Nguyen, Executive Director of Helping Link. She is a graduate of the University of Washington with a BS in Social Welfare, Activities and Societies, UW Asian Student Commission. She has been the Executive Director of Helping Link from 1993 to the present. Helping Link is an organization instrumental for the integration of Vietnamese into society. She is a dynamic individual with experience evaluating and expanding programs and developing brands. Recognized for creating resource networks for refugee and immigrant communities. Builds successful relationships with local communities, corporate entities, and governmental organizations to increase the organization's visibility. And creates recurring opportunities for diversified funding and services.

MISSION STATEMENT

To empower Vietnamese-Americans' social adjustment, family stability, and self-sufficiency while nurturing community service and youth leaders.

Helping Link was created in 1993 by a group of working professionals, who sought to meet the needs of the Vietnamese community by utilizing the potential human and financial resources of Vietnamese professionals. Young and old, the founders sought the cooperation of the community to create the three core programs Helping Link offers: Conversational ESL, Computer Workshop, and Technology.

VALUES

Unity

We believe that we succeed through unity and commitment, to work as a team, enabling us to efficiently improve the lives of the Vietnamese community.

Commitment

We commit to enhancing cultural enrichment, creating opportunities, and advocating the needs of Vietnamese families.

Leadership

We have an obligation to grow and develop leaders in the Vietnamese community. Strong leaders will enable the Vietnamese community to pass on their values to the next generation.

Diversity

A vibrant Vietnamese community adds to the diversity of the Greater Seattle area.

Participation

We believe in an open dialogue between student and instructor. We believe in the best interest of the student's motivation for learning.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

Our immigrant and refugee clients face many challenges starting over in a new country with a new language and no support. With the current political climate, our work becomes even more important. Learning English instills confidence in adults to function in day-to-day activities, such as grocery shopping, doctors' appointment, employment, children/teachers needs and connect with neighbors and coworkers. Citizenship programs empower our clients to become U.S. citizens and referral services keep them informed about the systems they live and work in. At Helping Link our volunteers are committed to teaching our community essential skills to adapt to life in the U.S., giving them a chance for empowerment and independence and to connect with the world around them.

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WHAT WE DO

Our programs assist Vietnamese immigrants in their effort to settle in their new country, strengthen the Vietnamese community and promote cultural harmony. We work with diverse groups of individuals including adults, seniors, students, recent graduates, and young professionals living in the greater Seattle area. The success of Helping Link's programs is due solely to the efforts of volunteers, the financial support of exceptional individuals, and the community's participation in the numerous programs.

OUR IMPACT

Over the past two decades, Helping Link has been committed to helping many Vietnamese integrate into American society by providing Vietnamese with a source of empowerment and knowledge in a safe environment. Our ESL, computer, and citizenship programs not only provide the basic comprehensive understanding of the subjects, but also go beyond to ensure clients understand the applicability of these subjects to their current daily lives. This level of understanding has allowed many of Helping Link's clients to successfully achieve their goals to improve their English skills, become U.S. citizens, and find opportunities to grow and develop. With Seattle's growing rate within ethnic populations, Helping Link has been a sought-after source to help connect clients to opportunities within social services and job opportunities. Many of Helping Link's clients have become lifelong friends and supporters of the organization. This has created the bridge that Helping Link stands for – connecting East and West – to create an empowered multi-cultural community.

Minh-Duc concluded her presentation with a question and answer session followed by Jim presenting her with the Boeing history commemorative book. Minh-Duc is a very interesting lady who shared stories of her life in Viet Nam and then coming to the United States and later forming Helping Link. You should have been there to hear her amazing story.

Linda then concluded the meeting with the door prize drawing and adjournment of the meeting.

Notices of illness and deaths of Heritage Bluebills

From Norma Vaughn, March 1, 2020

Deaths:

Zip Zuther - Zip had spent the past couple of weeks in and out of the hospital and passed away peacefully in his room at Covenant Shores on Friday, January 21, 2020. Per his wishes there were no services. For those who would like to send a communication to his daughter the mailing address is: Carrie Zuther-Bruns, PO Box 3707, c/o 290475, Seattle, WA 98124.

From Oscar Olague

I am sad that we lost Zip. He was a superman volunteer. These are some of the things that Zip did for the Seattle cancer care Alliance and the Bluebills:

- Helped prepare candy and "goodie bags" for the kids at Child Life and the Hutch School at Easter, Halloween and Christmas.
- Patient Family Volunteer at the SCCA
- Member of the SCCA Volunteer Council
- South end volunteer leader
- Transported patients from the Air Port to the SCCA and back again • Took patients on "outings" such as the Museum of Flight

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- Helped distribute Turkey Dinners to patients on Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Helped set up the Christmas Tree at the Pete Gross house each Christmas and took it down after Christmas.
- Delivered Blankets and quilts, caps and Medical dolls, made by Bluebill Busy Bee Ladies, to the Children's Hospital
- The Bluebills and the SCCA will miss Zip greatly

Janet Bertagni - Janet passed away on January 30, 2020. Janet has been a member of the Heritage Chapter for several years. Her brother, Gerry Bertagni, is also a Heritage member and survives her along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Janet was born on March 13, 1941 and passed away on January 30, 2020.

Preceded in death by her parents Hans and Loretta Bertagni and her grandparents. Survived by brother Gerald Bertagni, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Janet grew up at Lake Wilderness with her family. She was a graduate at Tahoma High School where she had many friends. Janet became a hairdresser and later moved to Alaska where she got into banking and later moved back to Washington State.

Janet enjoyed reading, cooking, baking and entertaining her friends and family. She also enjoyed the Issaquah Village theatre, and traveling. Janet and Gerry have traveled the world and have seen many places, some more than once.

Janet enjoyed volunteering at Valley Medical Center Golden Care, City of Renton and mentoring for the Renton School District. She was also very involved in the PEO Chapter FP.

Fran Parker - *From Evelyn who is Frans daughter-in-law March 2, 2020*

“Our Heavenly Father has taken Fran home as of 3am this morning, she now is resting and out of pain. She loved you all very much!”

Illness:

Ben Sakamoto - As was reported in the last newsletter Ben was ill and hospitalized. Ben has now been released from the hospital and is busy adjusting to his new home. He is very happy and doing well. Thank you all for your best wishes for Ben.

From Linda Houser:

Call for Help!

The Bluebills are considering hosting a booth at the Washington State Fair in Puyallup, WA in September. This would be a marketing opportunity to showcase the Bluebills to recruit new members. Boeing doesn't provide potential retirees with information about the Bluebills, so without recruiting new members, Bluebills will eventually become extinct.

We need to get the word out!

Dates:

Friday, Sept. 4, 10:30am – 10:30pm – (2) volunteers have signed up
Saturday, Sept. 5, 9:30am – 10:30pm – (1) volunteer has signed up
Sunday, Sept. 6, 9:30am – 10:30pm – (2) volunteers have signed up
Monday, Sept. 7, 9:30am – 10:30pm (2) volunteers have signed up

Ideally each day should have (3 or 4) volunteers.

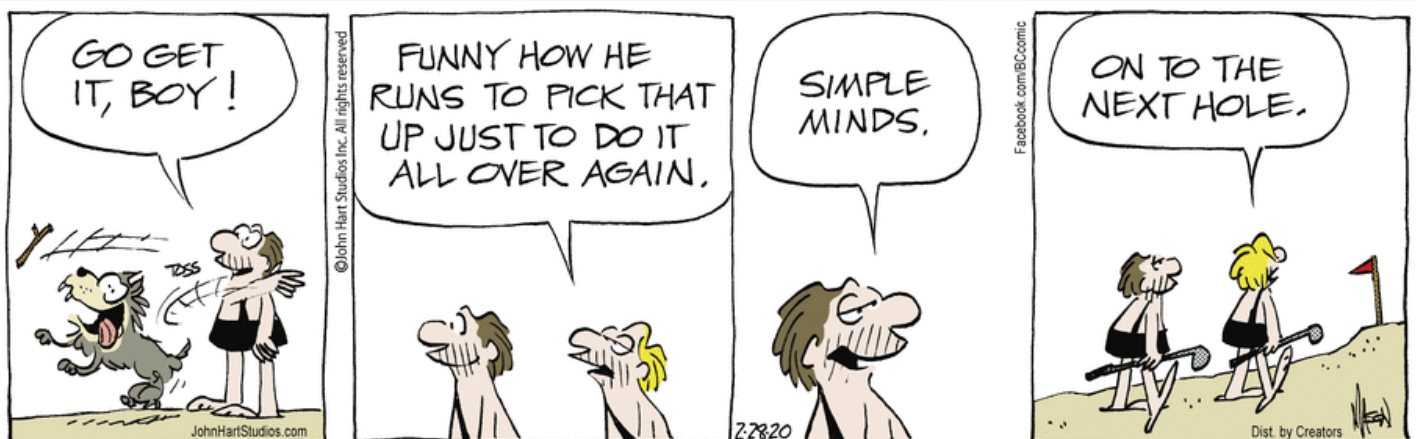
So what's in it for you?

You'll receive free parking for the day!

You'll have free admission to the fair for the entire day!

Want to volunteer to staff the booth with a non-Bluebill family member or friend? That's okay! Bring them to help!!

Please e-mail bluebills@boeing.com **and** lindahouser@comcast.net if you would like to volunteer.



Thank you Bluebills

Your collection of aluminum pop tops and cans help make it possible!



December 19, 2019
George and Sharon Broom

Dear George and Sharon,

It was so delightful to see you earlier this month when you visited our Lake City facility. It was equally delightful to receive your very generous \$5,000.00 gift during our visit. We processed your gift on December 12, 2019 and have applied it to kidney research as you requested.

Please convey our thanks to the individuals and groups that played a part in making your generous gift: the Boeing Bluebills, your fellow square and round dancers, quilters and dialysis friends. As always, we are deeply grateful for your contributions to kidney research as we continue to seek new ways to improve patient quality of life and health for those living with kidney disease.

Our late patient advocate and former Board Chair Bill Peckham once said, "We aren't looking for one cure. We're looking for a thousand cures." There are so many facets to kidney disease and so many different causes that this concept of seeking many cures really resonated with us here at Northwest Kidney Centers.

You and your friends and colleagues have been very generous donors over many years. We value your efforts highly as we seek to find "a thousand cures" for chronic kidney disease. Thank you again.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane Pryor".

Jane Pryor, CFRE
Vice President of Development and Communications

PS: I have attached information about kidney research as you requested. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you again!

*In compliance with IRS regulations, this letter confirms that no goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.
Thank you again for your gift.*

WHO DO I CONTACT - SOCIAL SECURITY OR MEDICARE

Social Security offers retirement, disability, and survivors benefits. Medicare provides health insurance. Because these services are often related, you may not know which agency to contact for help. The list below can help you quickly figure out where to go. Please share this list with family and friends.

You can do much of your Medicare business with Social Security online.

- • How do I report a death? Contact your local Social Security office or call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778)
- • How can I check Medicare eligibility? www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare
- • How do I sign up for Hospital Insurance? (Part A) www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare
- • How do I sign up for Medical Insurance? (Part B) www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare
- • How do I apply for Extra Help with Medicare Prescription drug coverage? (Part D) www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/medicare/prescriptionhelp
- • How to appeal an income-related monthly adjustment amount decision? (For people who pay a higher Part B or D premium, if their income is over a certain amount.) www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html
- • How can I request a replacement Medicare card online? www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount
- • If I already get benefits or have Medicare, how do I report a change of address or phone number? www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount
- • Where do I find publications about Medicare? www.ssa.gov/pubs/?topic=Medicare or www.medicare.gov/publications

Medicare also offers many online services where you can find out:

- • What does Medicare cover? www.medicare.gov/what-medicare-covers
- • How can I check the status of Medicare Part A or B claims? www.mymedicare.gov
- • Where do I find forms for filing a Medicare appeal or let someone speak with Medicare on my behalf? www.medicare.gov/claims-appeals/how-do-i-file-an-appeal
- • What do Medicare health and prescription drug plans in my area cost, and what services do they offer? www.medicare.gov/plan-compare
- • Which doctors, health care providers, and suppliers participate in Medicare? www.medicare.gov/forms-help-resources/find-compare-doctors-hospitals-other-providers
- • Where can I find out more about a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D) and enroll? www.medicare.gov/drug-coverage-part-d/how-to-get-prescription-drug-coverage
- • Where can I find a Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policy in my area? www.medicare.gov/

The 1997 merger that paved the way for the Boeing 737 Max crisis

QUARTZ

Natasha Frost
Quartz January 3, 2020



Dozens of grounded Boeing 737 MAX aircraft are seen parked in an aerial photo at Boeing Field in Seattle, Washington, U.S. July 1, 2019.

Go to [Bluebills.org](https://bluebills.org) Heritage March Newsletter and click on the picture to read the article



Our wireless doorbells
sitting on their chargers....



Calendar of Events 2020

Jan 9	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
Jun 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 31	Chapter Picnic
Aug 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep (TBD)	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting & Pizza Party
Dec (TBD)	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	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	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



March 27, 2020

10:00 AM Social

10:30—12:00N Meeting



Speaker: Captain Anthony Barnes, Salvation Army's South Seattle

Subject:



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 S 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.

