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Chairman's Comments

By Richard Vaughn

Please take a little time this month to call a friend or member and invite them to Attend our General Meeting the last Friday of March when our presenter will be Cory Ertel, of Boeing. Government Relations and our Boeing Company Representative.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Richard

Presentation for - March 31st General Meeting

By Jim Beasley



Our presenter for the Bluebills Chapter meeting in March will be Cory Ertel, Boeing Government Operations. Cory is our Bluebills Boeing representative.

Cory will focus his remarks on Boeing's grassroots public policy advocacy program, including how retirees can make their voices heard on important public policy issues impacting Boeing. Cory will also provide some highlights of recent news and notes from Boeing in WA.

Jim

Have you reported your hours?

Remember: You can report any volunteer hours!

Not just hour your work for BLUEBILLS. Church, School, Community , Organization - all of these hours count too !

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



February Meeting Summary

By: Mary Ulibarri

Don Hilt opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no February birthday attendees, but here are four on my list - Roy Barnes, Micki Brown, Mavis LaBounty, Tom Moberg.

Thanks to all of you turning in volunteer hours to marybarri20@gmail.com or Dick Beham at bbbeditor@live.com.

Richard stated no changes with respect to Boeing support of the Bluebills. Fortunately, they continue to provide our office space and equipment. He also again asked attendees to encourage missing members to participate in our monthly meetings.

Don then introduced the speaker, Katie Drewel, Government and Community Relations Officer, South Corridor Executive Dept. of Sound Transit. Kathie has been in her current position for five years. She also held positions at Washington State Dept. of Ecology and the American National Red Cross. Accompanying Katie was Anna Bonjukian, holding the position of Construction Manager, Sound Transit, for almost two years, who also addressed the audience with progress and updates during the presentation. While Sound Transit provides regional transit services throughout the areas of Pierce, King, and Snohomish Counties, they both focused on the area between Seattle and Tacoma..



Sound Transit was founded in 1996 and is headquartered in Seattle. The extension of the Link Light Rail and the proposed new light rail stations (including parking garages) are Sound Transit projects. The City is working closely with Sound Transit during the construction project by sharing information, providing input on how to build a better project for the future, and other construction and planning related issues that may affect our community, businesses, and residents.

Federal Way Link Extension: This project has been approved by the Sound Transit Board of Directors. The City of Federal Way is reviewing construction drawings and is responsible for issuing construction permits for the project.

Tacoma Dome Link Extension: This project is in the planning and environmental review phase. The City is planning for the future and providing information to support Sound Transit in finding the correct alternative for a light rail station in South Federal Way.

Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) South: This project is in the site selection phase. Three sites have been moved forward by the Sound Transit Board for environmental review, two of these sites are located in Federal Way. The City of Federal Way strongly supports the option of building this facility on the Midway Landfill in Kent.

Federal Way Link Extension (FWLE)

This project will extend Sound Transit's Link Light Rail system from Angle Lake Station in SeaTac to the Federal Way Transit Center. The new light rail station and parking garage addition is expected to open in 2024.

Recent Activities

Sound Transit has selected the alignment for the Federal Way Link Extension and the station location in the Federal Way City Center.

Significant construction activity is currently taking place.

Sound Transit is currently engaged with its contractor, Kiewit Construction, and multiple agencies having permitting jurisdiction, including the City of Federal Way and WSDOT, in the design of the link extension.

Most of the light rail line that is built in Federal Way is located in the right-of-way of I-5 and is permitted by WSDOT and not the City.

The City of Federal Way has partnered with Sound Transit to do public outreach to find out what the future station area should look like in the opinion of the Federal Way community.

The Sound Transit Board has identified alternative alignments and station locations for study in the SEPA and NEPA environmental review process. The Federal Way alignment will be mostly in the I-5 right-of-way, extending out to connect to the future station, if required, and then returning to I-5 to continue south to Fife.

The Sound Transit Board has identified a preferred alternative for the station in South Federal Way – the west side of Enchanted Parkway at the intersection of 352nd Street. Alternatively, the area along I-5 near 356th and the Jet Chevrolet property is being considered as a station area in the environmental review process.

A recent map of the proposed line is shown below.

Tacoma Dome Link Extension (TDLE)

This project will extend Sound Transit's Link Light Rail system from the Federal Way Transit Center to near the Tacoma Dome. The scope of the project includes a new station and associated parking improvements in the South Federal Way area. The project is currently in the planning phase with site selection and a decision on whether to proceed with the project in the near future.

If the Sound Transit Board moves the project forward, the station and light rail line is expected to open in 2030.

For more information,, see the following link. <https://www.wqa.seattle.gov/a/15323>

Katie answered a number of questions from the audience, followed by Don calling the door prize numbers and adjourning the meeting.

EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER



Connections for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

East Side Stories

George and Bobbie Farmer: Mid-Century Visionaries

By Margaret Laliberte, Eastside Heritage Center

Perhaps it was the Army surplus weapons carrier that made it possible; it certainly helped. The weapons carrier (somewhat like a huge jeep) was the one and only means—aside from bush-whacking on foot---that George and Roberta (Bobbie) Farmer had of getting up to their acreage on the hillside lying just south of present-day Eastgate. They bought their first parcel of 540 acres in 1945, knowing that the Eastside was ripe for development after the opening of the floating bridge across the lake in 1940. At the time the few homes in the area were up on Cougar Mountain, accessible by the only road over the mountain from Newport Way, now 164th Ave. S.E. A rough track connected Highway 10 (today's I-90) to Newport Way at what is now 150th Ave. S.E. A rifle range existed near Newport Way.



Aerial photo of Hilltop with Horizon View at bottom (1995.12 File #62)

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Although the land at the top of the hill had stands of tall firs, the hillside to the north had been logged off and was mainly scrub growth. George and Bobbie bought the weapons carrier at an Army surplus sale and used it to carry friends up the hill to enjoy picnics and stellar views to the South, West, and North. They set up a picnic table and occasionally camped overnight on the hill. As Bobbie reminisced in an interview in 1999, "You had this winch on [the carrier] with a cable, that if you couldn't make it up the hill you found a tree and you put the winch on to it and started and the winch pulls you up." The first prospective property purchasers were members of the group that organized Hilltop Community. George would ferry them up the hill on Sundays for them to visualize how the hill top could be developed. The Farmers sold the group 63 acres in 1948.

Bulldozing a road up to the top of the hill came next. The Farmers purchased land that is now Eastgate School and got easements from adjacent landowner Charlie Latta and Ed Brim. Charlie and George installed a large sewer pipe in Squibb Creek in the ravine just above today's school, filled over it with dirt from the creek bank, and built Farmer Road (today's 150th/151st/152nd Ave S.E.). The first culvert washed out in a winter storm in 1948, and the weapons carrier swung into action again.



Two women standing with sign reading "Horizon View" (2014.052.026)

The Farmers had their own subdivision, Horizon View Division A, platted to the north of Hilltop Community. But just weeks after the plat was complete, George died suddenly of a heart attack; he was just 41 years old. Bobbie carried on by herself, getting the roads bulldozed

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and water lines installed. (She had the rights to 10 water hook ups from the well Hilltop Community had dug. Later she installed her own well.) On weekends she sat in her car with little folders of the plat hoping that folks out for a Sunday drive would be curious about where the roads led. "I had a portable sign that said 'Horizon View Lots for Sale' and I used to put that on US 10....I put it up on Friday night, after the county road crew would be finished, and I would leave it up Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday nights I took it down because ... I didn't want them knocking the sign down and taking it." She also had to keep an eye out for folk who thought the cleared land was a rifle range. "I would go out there and I screamed at them that they shouldn't be shooting there on a Sunday. They weren't very responsive to me. So I called the Sheriff's Department, and they came out and arrested them. Then I got to be a Deputy Sheriff. I have my silver badge. They still didn't pay any attention to me, but the message got around that it wasn't to be a shooting range there."

Bobbie had her own home built in Division A and lived there between 1953 and 1959. Then she moved further up the hill where she had platted Horizon View Division C. The weapons carrier languished beside the garage until it was vandalized and a neighbor complained. She finally sold it. Over the years she sold off larger parcels to developers who created Eaglesmere and other neighborhoods on the hillside. She also donated property to both the Bellevue School District and Seattle's Catholic Archdiocese. She was a generous donor to Eastside Catholic High School and upon her death in 2002 left it a bequest of \$2 million.

After George's death Bobbie had created a memorial plaque memory at the point of the triangle where S.E. 51st. St. and 145th Ave. S.E. meet. She installed a flagpole and flew the flag she had been given when George, a World War II veteran, had died. That little memorial area no longer exists. But the stellar views to North and West still do.



News from the Social Security Administration

Submitted by: Micki Brown

Social Security requires a signed Form SSA-827 from the claimant or proper applicant at each adjudicative level to process disability claims, continuing disability reviews, and non-disability claims when capability is an issue.

Representatives periodically provide SSA-827 forms in the Electronic Folder that have altered claimant signatures and/or dates, such as displaying a picture of a signature or date that is not original. Altering the SSA-827 form in this way violates our policy and puts medical providers at significant risk of releasing sensitive medical information without the proper authorization required by law. Forms altered with annotations are invalid and cause case processing delays.

If you are amending SSA-827 forms in this manner, we ask that you discontinue this practice immediately. You are required to obtain a new, properly signed and dated Form SSA-827 at each adjudicative level.

Thank you for your assistance. Please be sure to share this reminder with representatives in your network.

Dawn Bystry
Acting Associate Commissioner
Office of Strategic & Digital Communications

Social Security - April 2023 Media Articles Available Online!

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

Please consider publishing these articles and images in your print and digital outlets. For more information about Social Security, please visit www.ssa.gov and follow us at [@SSAPre](https://twitter.com/SSAPre)

Bits & Pieces

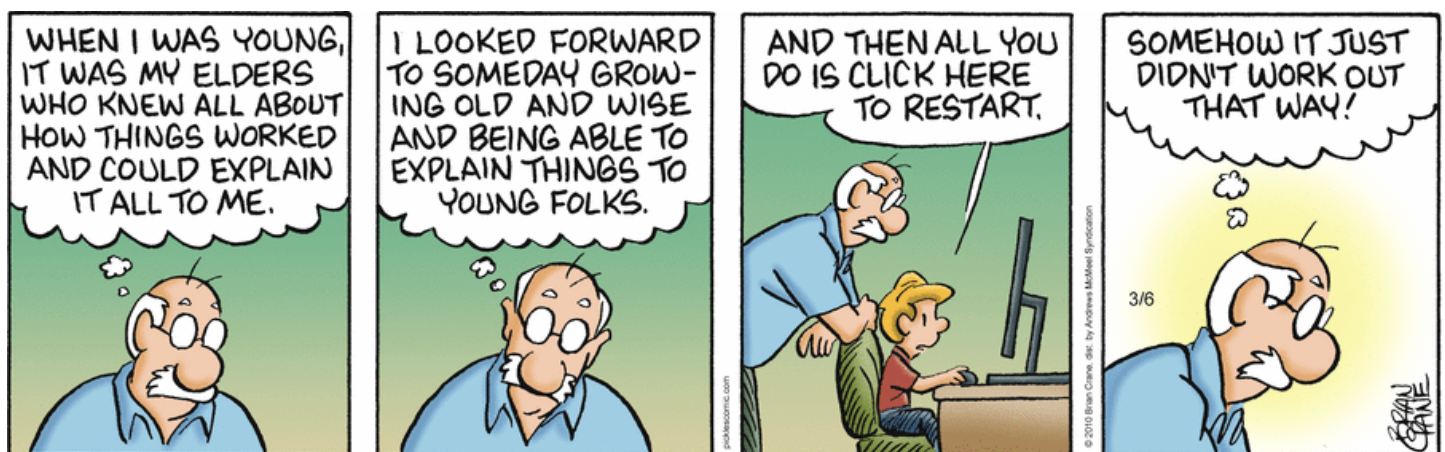
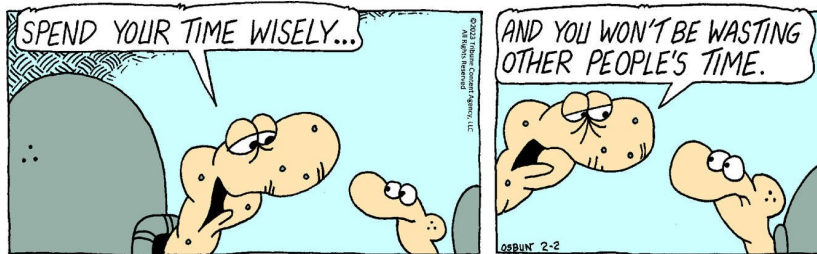
Miss Thailand wore a dress made out of soda tabs at the Miss Universe pageant

[Annetta Konstantinides](#) Jan 13, 2023, 2:18 PM

<https://www.insider.com/miss-universe-miss-thailand-wore-dress-made-with-soda-tabs-2023-1>



(Editors Note: Another use of pop tops like many of you deliver at the chapter meetings each month, the proceeds from witch support the North West Dialysis Center at the U of W.)



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



March 31, 2023
Social 10:00AM, Meeting 10:30 - 11:30 AM



Speaker: Cory Ertel, Boeing Government Operations

Subject: Boeing's grassroots public policy advocacy program,

(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