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## Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



This month I'd like to do a review of the four previous Chairman's Corner articles I have written to provide you with "the method to my madness." I have tried to put some of my thoughts into those articles concerning the areas I believed we have an organizational need or a need to explain.

Back in January I wrote about our unusual elections this year, why I ran for a position on the Heritage Chapter Leadership Team and my volunteer background. In February the subject was responsibilities, challenges, possibilities and opportunities; then looking at actions to give us a direction forward. In March the subject was future meetings and activities with words from the Central Leadership Council looking at recruiting retirees and working with current Boeing employees. In April I asked the **WIIFM** question (What's In It For Me?) and related facts that of our 621 members in Washington only approximately 19% attend meetings and only 88 members (approximately 14% of all membership) report volunteer hours. Following up with an ask for your ideas on improving membership, meetings, leadership and chapter.

In every month I spoke of the need to step up, participate and take a role in the Chapter commit-

tees. To join the small group that has been providing leadership for the Bluebills for the past several years. In the Heritage Chapter, our biggest continuing need is in the committees for Education, Volunteer Coordinator, Agency Relations and Recorder.

This was all to make you think about your direct and indirect contributions and involvement in the strength and leadership of our organization.

As we develop agendas, plans, schedules, and activities to take us forward; we still need members to take action, accept necessary jobs and become a part of the leadership of the Heritage Chapter and the Central Leadership Council.

Even if you don't get more involved with the organization or leadership, we need those who are not reporting volunteer hours to start recording their valuable efforts for the community to be included in the reports being sent to Boeing. Boeing needs to see the sum total of all of our efforts to identify the need to continue to support the Bluebills. We are an organization of volunteers, there should be 621 individuals reporting volunteer hours every month. That is an extremely high expectation, by now many of you have retired from being an active volunteer, but there has to be more than 88 people contributing their valuable time to the community. So I'm also calling on you to start using the form in this newsletter to report your considerable efforts.



## **Busy B's**

by Janice Hawes

Hi Bluebills,

Meri England won the quilt at our March meeting. Our total raffle ticket sales was \$100 and we want to thank everyone who participated in buying tickets. The money we raise when we raffle a quilt goes into our "coffers" to buy more supplies for all of our projects.

One of our valued Busy B's is on the disabled list right now. Joyce Hassler is home recovering from a fall. We miss her and hope she'll be back with us soon. She always adds a special feeling when she is in the room working with us. Get well soon Joyce!!!

If you are ever in the "neighborhood" please drop in to see us at work. (Tuesdays and Thursdays). We always have a quilt on display and our sewing machines are always in use.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Submitted by Doug Hoople

The **Tacoma Maritime Festival**, at **705 Dock Street in Tacoma**, is looking for a large group of volunteers to work in a variety of jobs at the 2015 Maritime Festival on July 18th and 19th.

They need **20 Logistics Volunteers** to help their Operations Team make the Fest run smoothly by helping vendors with their booths, monitoring parking lots, monitoring shuttle bus stops and riding the busses. You will be working in 4 hour shifts (Sat: 10:00am to 2:00pm, and 2:00pm to 6:00pm; Sun 10:00am to 2:00pm, and 2:00pm to 5:00pm).

They need **20 Activity Booth Helpers** to help monitor and run the free youth activity booths. You will be working in 4 hour shifts (Sat: 10:00am to 2:00pm, and 2:00pm to 6:00pm; Sun 10:00am to 2:00pm, and 2:00pm to 5:00pm).

They need **8 Information Booth Attendants** to offer assistance, distribute programs and answer questions. You will help keep count of guests and conduct exit

interviews. You will be working in 4 hour shifts (Sat: 10:00am to 2:00pm, and 2:00pm to 6:00pm; Sun 10:00am to 2:00pm, and 2:00pm to 5:00pm).

They need **6 Set up and/or Tear down volunteers**. Before the festival you would help set up tents and recycling receptacles; direct vendors to set up locations; and help arrange banners and flags. After the festival you will help take down tents, organize the recycling receptacles for pick up and put away banners and flags. You will be working in 2-4 hour shifts (Fri: 11:00am to 3:00pm, and 3:00pm to 7:00pm; Sun 5:00pm to 7:00pm).

**Contact Luisa Lam at 863-231-4616 (Cell) or 253-617-7172 (at the Maritime Festival).**

**Senior Services of King County** is looking for some additional volunteers for their **Meals on Wheels program**.

**In Bellevue**; they need 1 person to be a Volunteer Coordinator to ensure homebound elders receive their meals, volunteers pack and deliver the meals, help train volunteers, and accomplish various office duties. You would be working out of the Bellevue Senior Activity Center, 4063 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. The time commitment is 4-8 hours weekly, availability on Mondays, 8:00am to 11:00am is preferred. Training is provided.

**Please contact Melissa Pallanes at 206-448-5767 if you have an interest.**

## **Bluebill Retiree Assistance Program (RAP)**

Submitted by Doug Hoople

Our new RAP Co-Chairman are Judy Leyden and Eleanor Skinner.

If you know of a Boeing Bluebill who needs a get well card because they are in the hospital, ill or otherwise disposed?

Please provide the Bluebills office with the details so we can send out a card and wishes for a speedy recovery.

Bluebills office at 206-544-6286 or email: [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com)

## **April Chapter Meeting Recap**

*Submitted by Mary Ulibarri*

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then proceeded to fill a gap we've had since Jim Orchekowsky moved away. Jim was our favorite jokester and his sometimes corny, but mostly funny, jokes are missed. Hey, Doug, a groaner, but we appreciate your effort. Anyone wishing to speak up at future meetings, let Doug know.

A new member, Alan Anderson of Auburn, introduced himself – welcome, Alan. There was one birthday – Adrian Lawler – but no anniversaries for this month. Doug called attention to a new form to be used by those wishing to put an announcement in the newsletter; and reminded members to note their birth dates on the sign-in sheets.

Jim Beasley introduced the speaker Jessica Murphy, Project Manager for the Capital Projects and Roadway Structures Division of the Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT) who oversees the Elliott Bay Seawall Project.

Murphy is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Washington – born and raised in Seattle -- with degrees from the University of Michigan and Williams College. Having started at SDOT in 2005, Jessica has previous experience managing the First Hill Street Car Project, and SDOT's paving program, which included key projects along California Avenue and in the U District.

Jessica's co-worker, Zack Ambrose, provided assistance in setting up audio/visual support for the great PowerPoint presentation.

The Seawall Project is the construction of a replacement seawall along Seattle's waterfront to protect critical infrastructure and utilities, enhance



**Jessica Murphy & Zack Ambrose**

the habitat throughout this area, while protecting public safety. The new seawall meets current seismic standards, will improve the salmon migration corridor and improve ecosystem productivity.

It will be made to last more than 75 years, serving as the foundation for projects transforming Seattle's future waterfront and restoring the function of a natural shoreline. The project was scheduled to last three years and is on target at the halfway point. They are also on target budget-wise.

The existing seawall has protected Seattle for more than 70 years, but time and a harsh marine environment have weakened the structure. Cracks within the wall allow salt water and gribbles (tiny wood-boring marine crustaceans) to infiltrate and eat away at the estimated 20,000 old growth timber piles that support the old seawall. As the tide recedes through cracks in the wall, it carries with it fill soil that results in dangerous voids underneath Alaskan Way. These improvements include stabilizing the existing soil behind the seawall face, as well as moving the seawall 10-15 feet eastward to accommodate construction and create additional space for habitat. This consists of a 25-foot structure, not just a flat wall.

When Seattle's waterfront was developed, Elliott Bay lost many of the habitat features associated with its native intertidal habitat, including sloping beaches, crevices, and vegetated hiding places for fish. Restoring the salmon migration corridor and improving ecosystem productivity are important objectives of the Seawall Project.

SDOT conducted a thorough environmental review process, as part of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), for the Elliott Bay Seawall Project.

The Seawall Project is designed to maintain flexibility for future opportunities. All surface features west of the restored sidewalk will be built in their final

state at the completion of the seawall project. Elements east of the sidewalk, such as the roadway, will be restored in an interim condition and then redesigned and rebuilt as part of the Waterfront Seattle Program.

Textured habitat shelves were installed along the seawall face recently. The texture promotes growth of vegetation and marine invertebrates, which serve as a food source for migrating salmon. And structures have been installed to hold back the tide in the work area, so it is not necessary to adjust work schedules for the 12-hour tidal shifts. Next steps are backfilling, jet grout and sheet pile installation.

The project to enhance fish migratory improvements has four primary points:

**Create shallower habitat:** Habitat benches will provide shallower water with gravel surfaces to act as hiding and foraging places for aquatic life.

**Incorporate more texture:** The face of the new seawall has cobbled surfaces and shelves to promote growth of vegetation and marine invertebrates.

**Provide riparian vegetation:** Native riparian vegetation will be planted along the seawall and at a new intertidal beach.

**Provide more light:** Light-penetrating surfaces in the cantilevered sidewalk will allow light to pass through to the water below. A Florida company was commissioned to provide the glass blocks, which are imbedded in the precast concrete panels making up the sidewalk along the entire waterfront seawall renewal area.

Because of the major interruption of business along the Waterfront, many businesses agreed to accept compensation for closing their doors during the project. However, your favorite destinations – the Seattle Aquarium, Argosy Cruises, the Great Wheel and Miner's Landing at Pier 57 – are open and accessible. Thus, foot traffic is still being accommodated with bridge walkways in places where necessary. This also proved a challenge due to the footbridge from the waterfront to the city, passing under the viaduct. The old massive bridge was removed and a lighter weight new one installed, which can be moved more easily as needed.

Jessica then took numerous questions from the audience. There is no way this brief newsletter summary can do justice to the complex, informative and interesting presentation, aided by historical and current pictures and graphics. In order to appreciate the full benefit of the Seawall Project presentation, you had to be there.

Doug and Jim then presented Jessica with a certificate of appreciation from the Bluebills.

I think I speak for all in attendance when I say thank you to Jim Beasley for his continued success in providing fascinating speakers for our monthly meetings. Good job, Jim!

Doug closed the meeting with the door prize drawings and then everyone lined up for the wonderful array of finger food provided by attendees.

Our own Bluebill Chander Lall has published a book -- *Hats Off to Billy Kidd: Heavenly Ski Adventures with an Olympic Champion*, and would like to share this exciting event, including great pictures, with us at one of the monthly meetings. He could use some assistance in putting together a PowerPoint presentation. If you can help with this mission, please contact Chander at 425-652-1286 or [chanderplall@comcast.net](mailto:chanderplall@comcast.net).

## Speaker for May

by Jim Beasley

**The speaker for May will be Bill Bryant Port of Seattle Commissioner.** He will speak on the Port of Seattle, it's current status and it's future.

Commissioner Bill Bryant was elected to represent King County citizens as a Port of Seattle Commissioner in the fall of 2007. In January 2008, he was sworn into office by former Governor Dan Evans, who co-chaired his campaign. Bryant immediately began increasing the Port's transparency and public accountability, working to protect Puget Sound, and improving our transportation system.

After only one year on the Commission, in 2009, he was elected President of the Commission by his peers. He served as Commission President for three consecutive years. In 2010 he was named Maritime Public Official of the Year by the Propeller Club.

In addition to his entrepreneurial interests, Bryant has been appointed by both Democratic and Republican administrations, Congress, and the United States Export Import Bank to advise on our nation's trade policies.

Commissioner Bill Bryant was born in Morton, and grew up on the Olympic Peninsula and in Olympia. After attending Capital High School, he studied trade and diplomacy at Georgetown University. He put his training to work immediately as the director of Washington Governor John Spellman's trade council. He then lived in Yakima for seven years, traveling around the world working to eliminate unfair foreign trade barriers and open new markets for Washington's fruit growers.

In 1992, Bryant moved to Seattle and founded Bryant Christie Inc., a company that works to eliminate foreign trade barriers, develops new international markets. He is also an investor and advisor to Deneki Outdoors, a company with fly fishing camps in Alaska, British Columbia, South Andros, and Chile.

## **GET INTO THE ACT WITH OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

*By Kirk Larson, Social Security Western Washington Public Affairs Specialist*

In May, we recognize Older Americans Month to acknowledge older Americans and their contributions to the nation.

More than 40 million people in the United States are 65 or older. By 2035, the U.S. Census Bureau projects this number will double, which makes improving the quality of life for older Americans even more important as we look to the future. It is Social Security's priority to provide a safety net for older Americans. You can learn more about Social Security at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

The main reason Social Security was established 80 years ago was to help older Americans. For many older Americans, Social Security benefits are their only source of retirement income. Social Security payments continue for life and are adjusted to keep pace with inflation. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) estimates that these benefits help keep 35 percent of older Americans out of

poverty.

*A great tool for people of all ages is the my Social Security account. With a personalized my Social Security account, you can:*

- Get an estimate of future benefits, if you still work;
  - Get an instant letter with proof of current benefits; and
- Manage your benefits.

*Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount) and join the millions of people who have already created accounts to help them plan for retirement.*

This May also marks the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act. Congress passed the Act in 1965 in response to a lack of community social services for older persons. Medicare, in effect since July 1, 1966, will also celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary soon. Medicare provides health insurance to more than 42 million Americans age 65 and older. If you aren't familiar with the four parts of Medicare, they are:

- Part A (hospital insurance): Hospital insurance helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility (following a hospital stay), some home health care, and hospice care.

- Part B (medical insurance): Medical insurance helps pay for doctors' services and many other medical services and supplies that hospital insurance doesn't cover.

- Part C (Medicare Advantage plans): If you have Medicare Parts A and B, you can join a Medicare Advantage plan. Private companies offer Medicare Advantage plans approved by Medicare. These plans generally help you pay the medical costs not covered by Medicare Part A and B.

- Part D (prescription drug coverage): Prescription drug coverage helps pay for medications doctors prescribe for treatment.



### **Looking Ahead**

#### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

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**Food Bank Schedule For 2015**

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

Month	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
March	Federal Way	Jim & Bambi Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's

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# Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting



**May 29, 2015**

**VFW Post 1263  
416 Burnett Ave S  
Renton, WA**



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

**Speaker: Bill Bryant Port of Seattle Commissioner**

**Topic: "Port of Seattle, it's current status and it's future "**

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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** \_\_\_\_\_

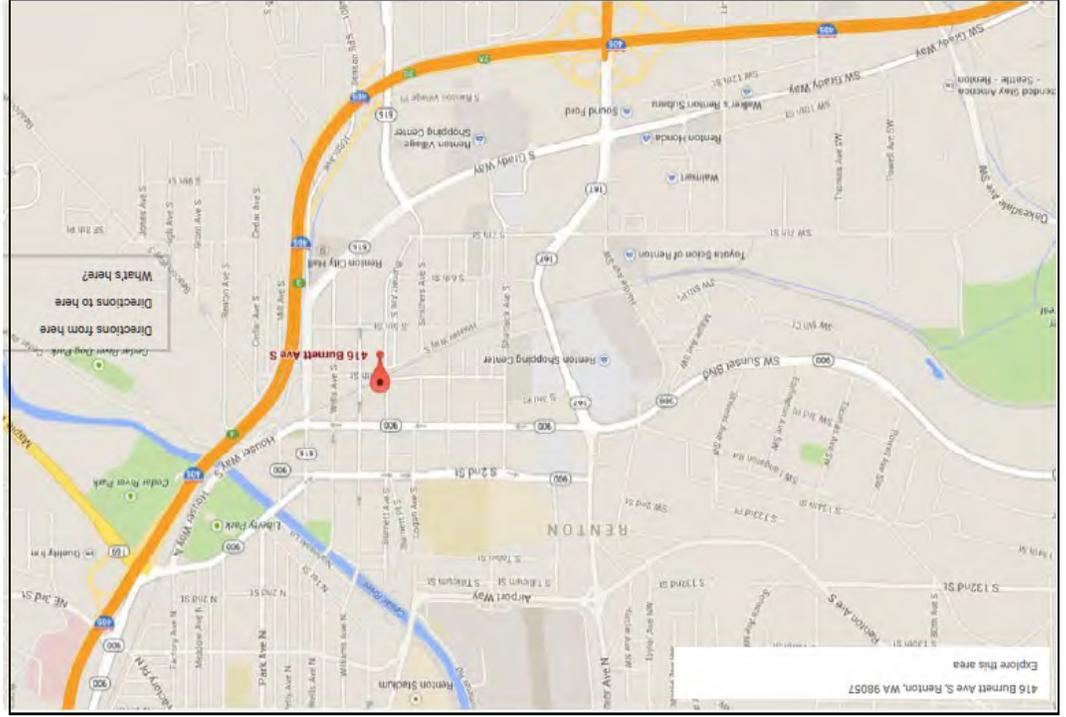
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124  
Email to [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

### 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. to 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 left on Talbot Rd. One block turn right on 7th St and then left on Burnett Ave S. Continue three blocks to VFW.

