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Chairman's Corner

By Richard Vaughn



Have you stopped and looked at the way the world is changing today? Let me rephrase that. It is have you looked at how the world has changed?

When we were young it was "neighbors helped neighbors". You did it because that is the way you were raised. Schools used the same books for several years. Teachers taught the three R's - reading, writing and arithmetic. Today why read when you can listen to a recording, why write when you can use a computer, and why learn math when you can use a calculator? What do they teach? And, in addition, they want your help as a volunteer which is what we do because that's the way we were brought up, neighbors helping neighbors.

Companies and businesses want volunteers to help? But, again, that's what we do because we care and want to help.

The Government should take care of the Veterans but no, they spend their resources somewhere else. That's where again you, as a volunteer, step in volunteering at the USO, working at and supporting Veteran's hospitals and rehabilitation centers, etc. With all of that there are communities that need help and you and others volunteer and give them support.

Are you retired? It says so on a piece of paper and you don't go to work at your old company and get a paycheck. But you go to work volunteering, paying your own way, and that's what we want to do.

Back to where I started on this article, that's the way we were raised. We are helping each other and our communities - Veterans, the homeless, hospitals, schools and anyone in need.

Are you appreciated? Yes, yes, and in a million ways. Maybe, just maybe, we can make a change. I hope all of you will continue your great work volunteering and always helping others.

I think all of the Bluebills are an outstanding group of retirees that have dedicated most of their lives to The Boeing Company and helped build what it is today. I hope they appreciate us as much.

Enough said – Keep up the good work.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes



Becky Prenavost our chief “stuffie collector” gave us 9 bags of stuffed animals recently. I met her last week to pick them up and my little car was filled completely. I looked like a “bag lady” on wheels. Richard Vaughn and Bill Baker unloaded the car for me – Thanks to both of you.

Lana Mitsules and I visited Joyce Hassler recently at her temporary residence at Brookdale in Federal Way. She is doing better and going through rehab for her broken shoulder.

The baby quilts we received last month found a great home at the Pediatric Interim Center in Kent. They were very happy to receive them and it’s nice to picture the little babies cuddled up in the quilts.

I visited one of our Bluebills, Margaret Huntington, yesterday at her residence at Radcliff Place in Covington. She will be celebrating her 103rd birthday in August. She was a provider to us of lovely crocheted items and some of her fellow residents did the same. She wishes she was still able to do this. She also used to collect used greeting cards from everyone to pass on to Bambi Lee for recycling.

Our cupboard is filling up with completed quilts and we’ll be parting with them soon, to Child Haven and the Veteran’s Hospital and the Washington State Soldiers Home.

April Chapter Meeting Recap

By Mary Ulibarri



Chairman Richard Vaughn started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no birthdays or anniversaries to celebrate this month, which may have been a result of the low attendance – about half as many as usual. We missed you.

Bill Baker talked briefly about a volunteer opportunity coming up in June for the Wellspring Family Services. They will be looking for folks to work two-hour shifts on a weekend helping sort children’s clothing. He passed a sign-up sheet, and promised to share more information at the May meeting.

Since there were no more announcements, and while the speaker was setting up for his presentation, Richard went ahead and had the door-prize drawing.

Jim Beasley then introduced Scott Thomsen, Senior Strategic Advisor, Communication & Public Affairs at Seattle City Light. Scott is a senior level communications leader, strategist, executive advisor and spokesman with extensive experience in crisis communications, social media and journalism.



Scott’s specialties include: crisis communications, proactive communications, media relations, public relations, social media, emergency management, strategic planning, website content and leadership.

Scott’s experience as the primary spokesperson for the 10th largest publicly owned

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electric utility in the country is a perfect fit. He provides exceptional strategic advice to executives and elected officials. His responsibilities have included leading all external and internal communications for the utility's \$94 million advanced metering program, media relations, website content, social media and managing the power outage response team. Scott serves as a lead public information officer and Joint Information Center supervisor for the City of Seattle during emergency response.

With the help of a visual presentation, Scott focused on Seattle City Light's current advanced metering project, which aims to replace electric meters with advanced meters. The new meter will connect to a home or business and collect the energy-use information. The meters will provide automated wireless communication between the meter and the utility. Improvements include customer energy-use information is sent several times a day to City Light using safe radio frequency waves, similar to those used by cell phones and Wi-Fi. The meters will transmit data literally instantaneously and once within City Light's secure firewall, the information will be matched up with the appropriate account for billing and other customer service activities.

Scott pointed out that transitioning to advanced meters is a bit like upgrading to a smart phone from a landline phone – both work, but a better user experience is the result. With advanced metering, the energy-use information will be more accessible to the customer. Accessibility will be ongoing instead of only when the bill arrives, enabling better energy-saving decisions. And the logistics of this service will improve the accurate and timely billing information as compared to the current physical meter reading every two months.

Advanced metering will provide City Light the information of how much electricity is being used and where it's going. This will help them better understand the power grid and more efficiently manage the distribution system. Reliable, low-cost electric power, delivered in a safe and environmentally friendly manner has been City Light's goal for 110 years. Scott assures customers advanced metering will provide a 21st century tool to meet that goal.

Scott provided a comparison chart with the benefits of the new system.

Current Metering

- ~ Manually read by meter readers every two months.
- ~ Requires meter readers to drive more than 200,000 miles annually to record data, resulting in fuel costs & pollution.
- ~ A greater chance of billing error & relying on estimations.
- ~ Cannot alert utility to power outages; instead must rely on customer calls.

Advanced Metering

- ~ Uses secure wireless communications to send information to City Light.
- ~ Enables customers to view information daily, resulting in wise energy savings.
- ~ More reliable customer billing.
- ~ Alerts of power outages, with faster response.
- ~ Provides safety features, such as detect abnormal power related temperatures.

Additional benefits of the new system are that City Light can remotely:

- Help the customer with questions related to billing and the meters.
- Early detection of when and where outages occur.
- Detect overloaded transformers or distribution lines.
- Disconnect and reconnect meters to service if needed.
- Customers can view energy use information daily.

Scott took a number of questions both during the presentation and afterwards. He thanked the audience for the

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opportunity to present some of the recent progress being made by Seattle City Light on behalf of its customers. And he assured everyone the power companies in other Puget Sound communities are addressing this approach.

Jim thanked Scott for his enlightening presentation and gave him The Boeing Company 100th Anniversary book.

The audience then proceeded to line up to dig into all of the good items brought for the potluck – a chicken casserole, baked beans, potato salad, tossed salad, bean salad, deviled eggs, then apple pie, cherry pie, pumpkin pie, vanilla ice cream for ala mode, two brownie dishes, bread pudding and some mango fruit. There were big smiles all around while everyone enjoyed lunch and conversations.

Red, White & Blue Golf Classic

June 28, 2018
The Golf Club at Newcastle
15500 Six Penny Ln
Newcastle, WA 98052

Enjoy the best round of golf in your life! The USO Northwest Red, White & Blue Golf Classic is the Northwest’s premier charity golf tournament and auction benefiting the USO Northwest and our service members and their families.

Join 350+ golfers, local celebrities and military heroes from all service branches for a world-class golf event spanning two courses at the beautiful Golf Club at Newcastle.

Adding to the day’s excitement is an 18-gun salute from the U.S. Marines, a special performance of our National Anthem, an aircraft flyover, delicious food, putting and longest drive contests and so much more!

If you would like to sign up to volunteer at our USO-NW Golf Classic [click here](#)



Speaker for May Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

The speaker for the Friday May 25 meeting will be Donald Shelton Executive Editor of the Seattle Times. His presentation will be on the health of the Seattle Times and its look to the future.



Most of us over 65 were Home Schooled—in many ways

- **My mother taught me to Appreciate a Job Well Done**
“If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.”
- **My mother taught me Religion**
“You better pray that will come out of the carpet.”
- **My father taught me about Time Travel**
“If you don’t straighten up, I’m going to knock you into the middle of next week.”
- **My father taught me Logic**
“Because I said so, that’s why.”
- **My mother taught me more Logic**
“If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you’re not going to the store with me.”
- **My mother taught me about Stamina**
“You’ll sit there until all that spinach is gone.”

- **My mother taught me about Weather**
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
- **My mother taught me Foresight**
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- **My father taught me Irony**
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
- **My mother taught me about Behavior Modification**
"Stop acting like your father!"
- **My mother taught me about Envy**
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
- **My mother taught me Medical Science**
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."
- **My father taught me about Humor**
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- **My mother taught me about Anticipation**
"Just wait until we get home."
- **My mother taught me about Receiving**
"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"
- **My mother taught me Genetics**
"You're just like your father."
- **My mother taught me Wisdom**
"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
- **My father taught me about Justice**
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

My mother taught me How to Become an Adult
"If you don't eat you're vegetables, you'll never grow up."

Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the [mother](#) of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March or May. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as [Father's Day](#), [Siblings Day](#), and [Grandparents Day](#).

In the [United States](#), celebration of Mother's Day began in the early 20th century. It is not related to the many celebrations of mothers and motherhood that have occurred throughout the world over thousands of years, such as the Greek cult to [Cybele](#), the Roman festival of [Hilaria](#), or the Christian [Mothering Sunday](#) celebration (originally a commemoration of Mother Church, not motherhood)



Observed by:	40+ Countries
Type:	Worldwide
Significance:	Honors mothers & motherhood
Date:	Values per Country
Frequency:	Annual
Related to:	Children's Day, Siblings Day, Father's Day, Parents' Day, Abuelo Day

Volunteer Opportunities



Bluebills Heritage Chapter is joining other volunteers to support Well-spring Family Services. This involves sorting baby clothing, toys and diapers donated to the Baby Boutique program. It will be for two hours from 9:30 to 11:30 AM Friday July 20. We will go as a group of five or more. The location is 1900 Rainier Ave. South.

At the Bluebills April monthly meeting we announced the project, provided preliminary information and requested volunteers to sign up and provide phone numbers and e-mail addresses. It will be discussed again at the May meeting. In the mean time, if you have questions or want to be signed up, please contact Karen or Bill Baker at 253-862-3005 or baker2721@comcast.net.

The **Special Olympics USA Games 2018** will be held in Seattle between June 29 and July 7, 2018. They are looking for volunteers to help with medical and security support for the USA games. Those volunteers will need to have appropriate medical credentials and have completed several FEMA Incident Command System classes (available on-line). Additionally, USA Games needs general volunteers to help with all of the other aspects of the event. One unique volunteer opportunity is to be a “fan in the stands” for events covered by ESPN. To volunteer go to the USA Games site: <https://www.specialolympicsusagames.org/volunteer/>

Boeing Gift Matching for Retirees

”Retirees are eligible to request a gift match for monetary donations, which may be matched at 50% (50 cents for every dollar contributed). There are no changes to the retiree maximum gift match limit. Currently, retirees are not eligible to receive gift match for volunteer hours.”

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Report your Volunteer Hours

By

Email: Bluebills@boeing.com

Or

Phone: 206-544-6286

Or

Mail: To Address on Form

Or

Bring Completed Reporting Form to the Monthly Meeting



You can get your current monthly "NEWSLETTER in COLOR" at <http://www.bluebills.org/heritagenewsletters.html>

Back issues are available there also, in the [Archives](#).

The Boeing Company recently changed the mail code for the Bluebills office. Please use the following address for all future correspondence to Bluebills or your mail will not reach us.

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The Boeing Company
PO Box 3707, MC: 1K-B02
Seattle, WA 98124-2207**

Calendar of Events 2018

Jan 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 23	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
May 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug (TBD)	Heritage Chapter Picnic
Sep 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct/Nov (TBD)	Chapter Honors Luncheon
Nov 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 21	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

Food Bank Schedule For 2018

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Marian Herrin
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	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Jim Orckekowsky

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

May 25, 2018

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

Speaker: Donald Shelton, Executive Editor of the Seattle Times

Subject: “Health of the Seattle Times and its look to the future.”



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)

_____ **Hours worked** _____ **For** _____
(month/year) (agency name)

_____ **Hours worked** _____ **For** _____
(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. 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. Then turn right on 7th St and then left on Burnett Ave S. Continue three blocks to VFW.

