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## Co-Chairman's Report – May, 2021

*By Richard Vaughn*

Over the past several months the 2020-2021 co-chairmen of the Bluebills Heritage Chapter have asked and even begged our members to step up and help the Heritage Chapter continue to operate but we have had no responses. Last year, as a co-chairman, I planned to retire again. Doug Hoople and Don Hilt volunteered to continue supporting the plan for operating the chapter for this year, as I knew they would, and they have continued doing a wonderful job. This year we have all carried on the search for volunteers to fill the chairman and two vice-chairmen positions for a one-year term. There have been no responses to our pleas from anyone so here we are again with the same message. We need some new leadership for the year 2022. Will you help? Some responsibilities of the chapter chairman are: (1) Preside over monthly Heritage Chapter meetings, (2) Delegate duties to the vice-chairmen and other committee chairmen, and (3) Provide the chapter newsletter editor with a monthly report. The chapter vice-chairmen support the chairman.

To aid you in making your decision you will be pleased to know that Boeing is allowing us to keep our office and conference room at South Park. This enables us to have a central point of operation with computers and telephones and the Conference Room/Busy B's work room. The monthly meetings at the VFW in Renton can start up again and they will once again allow Heritage members to socialize and renew their friendships with other Bluebills. The Zoom meetings did not do that and many of you could not participate in them. This meeting room has been open for us to return but our membership has been hesitant to go back until it is deemed safe. It appears now with the vaccine becoming more available and more people being protected that we could open up our monthly meetings soon. We just need our members back.

It is also very important that you report your volunteer hours in order to validate Bluebill volunteers' worth to Boeing and perhaps get a budget restored in the near future. You can report your hours via telephone (206-544-6286) and leave a message with your name and number of hours volunteered at each named agency, by e-mail at [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or by snail mail.

We would appreciate your help.

Richard Vaughn  
Heritage Chapter Co-Chairman



## **Aluminum Recycle for Kidney Dialyses Research**

*We will be collecting those “Pop Tops” and “Crushed Aluminum Cans” on Friday May 14th between 10:00AM and 12Noon at the VFW Post 1263 Parking Lot in Renton, 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton, WA.*

*We have so far brought in over \$12,000.00 total dollars raised for research. Boeing Bluebills have significantly helped in this effort. Lets keep up the good work!*

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## **April ZOOM Meeting Summary**

*By Mary Ulibarri*

Don Hilt called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM. Thank you, Don, for stepping up even though you’ve retired from a co-chair position. There were 14 members logged in. A bit sad to see several “regulars” were missing. We are still hoping to get back to our face-to-face meetings at the VFW, but no date yet in the foreseeable future.

Reminder: No Zoom meetings or announcements of them should be posted on Facebook or other social media due to privacy issues.

Mary read the list of May birthdays: Sibyl Fletcher, Lois Barnes, Jim Ewing, Carla Becker, Earlene Beham, and Lonnie Stevenson.

Volunteer hours may be submitted to Mary Ulibarri at [marybarri@centurylink.net](mailto:marybarri@centurylink.net) or Dick Beham at [bbbeditor@live.com](mailto:bbbeditor@live.com). It is acknowledged that folks have trimmed back their volunteering during these days of COVID-19, but we will still keep track and turn in reports to Boeing at some point.

All Bluebills are invited to join the May 28, 2021 meeting scheduled for 10:30 AM (PST). Let Doug Hoople ([ddhoole@earthlink.net](mailto:ddhoole@earthlink.net)) know so he can send you the Zoom link.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker, Zachary Shaner, Communications Manager with Sound Transit. A summary of his background:

Public Information Supervisor, Communications Dept., Sound Transit, 2017 to present: Edit and produce speaking notes and presentations, provide agency-wide writing and editing services, create and enforce AP and internal style guides, and manage and produce internal news content. Provide management and oversight for a team of five writers and the agency librarian, and provide strategic editorial recommendations across a variety of media.

Co-Founder and CEO, 2014-2017, Pedal Anywhere: Co-founded Pedal Anywhere, a bike rental startup offering app-based bike reservations and same-day bike delivery. Sold the business in 2017 after doubling volume and revenue in each of the first three years.

Staff Report, 2010-2017, Seattle Transit: During seven 7 years with STB wrote 475 articles about all aspects of Seattle transit and land use policy.

Marketing and Outreach Specialist, 2013-2015, Commute Seattle: Wrote and edited all external content, including social media, media releases, newsletters, and web content. Planned, coordinated, and executed approximately 50 commuter events per year at major Downtown Seattle employers.

Transit Outreach Specialist, 2010-2012, Pierce Transit: Working jointly with Pierce Transit and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, managed a commuter incentive campaign, doubled vanpool capacity, designed an on-base shuttle system, and collaborated with regional agencies on further Commute Trip Reduction strategies.

With the help of a 20-page slide presentation, Zach gave an overview of current and future activities of the Sound Transit (Sounder Train) activities. A quick overview follows.

Transit helps connect us all, and to essential services and to job and educational opportunities. The pandemic has reminded us how important all those connections are.

Through this difficult year, Sound Transit kept their trains and buses running, helping deliver essential workers to front-line jobs.

They are still on track to open 28 new light rail stations by 2024, starting with service to Northgate this year. But the recession caused by the pandemic in combination with rising construction cost estimates will have lasting effects on the regional economy and is likely to slow delivery of future transit improvement projects.

Just as transit construction fueled local recovery from the Great Recession of 2008-2009, building light rail is employing thousands of workers, who in turn help support even more local retail and service jobs in the communities.

Zach covered a lot of information in his presentation. Here are a couple of weblinks if you would like to read more details:

<https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/progress-report>

<https://www.soundtransit.org/system-expansion/progress-report/seattle-area>

SOUND TRANSIT CURRENT SERVICE



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# Eastside Stories

## A History of Snoqualmie Pass:

### Tourists, Recreationists, and Environmentalists

The creation of the highway through Snoqualmie Pass has a history of over 6,000 years starting with the first indigenous peoples who traveled it on foot. That history continues to be made as we expand and change the highway to be more efficient, stable, and safe for travelers. Conquering the geographic elements which once were considered too formidable a barrier for people to cross regularly, people now engage in many recreational activities in the surrounding area of the pass.

Opening this space for hikers, hunters, and tourists also has its own history. Preserving the for-

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ests and history around the pass is an environmental concern which has attracted several projects and land purchases. Converting spaces that were apart of historical industries and routes through the mountains into places for recreation is the next step in human interest in the Snoqualmie Pass area.

Photo: On a motor trip to Snoqualmie Summit this photograph shows group of people standing in front of cars, in front of long buildings.

An early project embarked on by the Boy Scouts of America and the Forest Service before the 1980s was to hack away the brush and open part to the wagon road built in 1868. They preserved what was left of some of the early trail for hikers to enjoy. This 1-mile stretch was the original foot and horse trail of Native Americans which was widened to a wagon road. This trail can be accessed near Denny Creek Campground.

Encouraging more hikers, in September 1994 the Snoqualmie tunnel built by Milwaukee Road railways 80 years before, opened to hikers and mountain bikers. The Milwaukee Road railways were some of the first electrified trains which traveled westward through their own protected tunnels. The tunnel was built with the help of 2,500 men whose labor, along with blasting materials, broke through 12,000 feet of solid rock. Two teams met in the middle to complete the large project. Massive wooden doors protect the entrance to the tunnel which railroad employees stood by to open for approaching trains. This kept icicles from forming in the very cold and damp tunnel. A cold wind emits from the tunnel strong enough to rustle clothing. The Snoqualmie Tunnel is the longest hiking tunnel in the US at 2.3 miles long. It runs over the county line between King and Kittitas counties, creating a link in the Iron Horse Trail to the west and Hyak trail to the east.

A few years later, in a huge land deal the company known as Weyerhaeuser sold over 100,000 acres of forested land they used as a tree farm to a trust which guaranteed it's preservation permanently. This was a \$185 million-dollar deal with the Evergreen Forest Trust, who has long been attempting the protection of the land. "Evergreen Forest" at Snoqualmie was acquired in 2002. At the time it was already being used by recreationalists with a fee to the Weyerhaeuser company. This site is home to old growth trees and rich wildlife making it an ideal recreation area.

Surrounded by national parks, including Mount Baker National Forest, Mount Rainier National Park, and Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forest the land around Snoqualmie Pass is beautifully preserved. Despite the many people who speed through each year the Cascades remain a haven

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of natural beauty which inspires people to slow down and enjoy the view. Next time you travel the pass leave time to stop and enjoy the natural world which surrounds this human made structure.

## Resources

Eastside Heritage Center Archives

“Snoqualmie Pass: From Indian Trail to Interstate” by Yvonne Prater on D.C. on the matter was in opposition to the plan.)

## **Speaker for May 28th ZOOM General Meeting**

*By Jim Beasley*

**The speaker for May will be Bob Donegan.** Bob helps manage Ivar’s, Seattle’s original seafood restaurant, now in its 83<sup>rd</sup> year. Ivar’s office is on the west end of Pier 54, just beyond Acres of Clams, just steps off the new waterfront park.

In addition to his day job, Bob has been active in many matters Seattle, especially around the waterfront. He volunteers at the Seattle Aquarium, the Historic Waterfront Assn, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, and has been an active member of the Alaskan Way Viaduct Stakeholder Commission (which selected the Tunnel + Transit solution), the Citizens Advisory Panel on Colman Dock, the design committees for the seawall and waterfront park.



## **News from the Social Security Administration**

*Submitted by : Micki Brown*

### **Social Security Honors Our Military HEROES**

On Memorial Day, our nation honors military service members who have given their lives for our country. As Former President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men [and women] have died to win them." This is why families, friends, and communities come together to remember the great sacrifices of our military members and ensure their legacies live on.

The benefits we provide can help the surviving families of deceased military service members. For example, widows, widowers, and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits. You can learn more about those benefits at [www.ssa.gov/survivors](http://www.ssa.gov/survivors).

We also offer support to our wounded warriors. Social Security benefits protect veterans when injuries prevent them from returning to active duty or performing other work. Both the Department of Veteran Affairs and Social Security have disability programs. You may qualify for disability benefits through one program but not the other, or you may qualify for both. Depending

on your situation, some members of your family, including your dependent children or spouse, may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits.

Wounded military service members can receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. If you are a veteran with a 100% Permanent & Total compensation rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs, we'll expedite your disability claim.

Want more information about how we can help? Visit [www.ssa.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.ssa.gov/woundedwarriors) for answers to commonly asked questions or to find information about the application process.

Thinking about retirement or know a veteran who is? Military service members can receive Social Security benefits in addition to their military retirement benefits. For details, visit our webpage for veterans, available at [www.ssa.gov/people/veterans](http://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans).

Please share this information with the military families you know. We honor and thank the veterans who bravely served and died for our country and the military service members who serve today.

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### **Replacement or Corrected Social Security Cards during the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Social Security offices are currently open only for in-person appointments for limited, critical situations, depending upon local office conditions. However, you can continue to apply for a replacement Social Security card online and by mail. Before requesting a replacement card, please remember that you might not need the physical card. Most of the time, simply knowing your Social Security number is enough.

If you have a critical situation that requires you to have a physical card and you cannot apply by mail or online, you should call your local Social Security office. Please visit our Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates page for more information at [www.ssa.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus).

### **Applying Online**

If you don't need any changes to your Social Security Number record (such as a name or date of birth change), applying for a replacement card online is your most convenient option. You don't need to mail proof or visit an office.

You can use our online application if you are an adult, have a State-issued drivers' license or non-driver identification card, and live in the District of Columbia or one of the 45 States that verifies State-issued documents for us. All you need to do is create a *my Social Security* account to access and complete the online application at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount/replacement-card.html](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/replacement-card.html).

If you live in one of the five States that do not participate — Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, and West Virginia — know that we are working hard to bring this service to you as soon as possible.

### **Applying by Mail**

We require proof of your identity with your replacement card application ([www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/forms/ss-5.pdf)), usually a State-issued drivers' license or non-driver identification card, or U.S. pass-

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port. We call these documents “primary” identity proofs. We understand mailing primary identity proofs with your replacement card application can be challenging. To help, we are temporarily expanding our policy to accept alternative identity documents—or what we call “secondary proofs” — when you cannot mail primary proof.

Acceptable secondary proofs include, but are not limited to:

- Employee identification card.
- School identification card.
- Health insurance card (not a Medicare card).
- U.S. military identification card.

These proofs must be current (not expired), show your name and identifying information (such as your date of birth or age), and be an original or a certified copy.

If you need to change your name, when you mail your replacement card application, you will need to submit proof of identity plus proof of the name change. The proof of identity can be primary or secondary proof. Proof of the name change could be a marriage certificate, divorce decree, Certificate of Naturalization showing the new name, or a court order approving the name change.

You may be able to submit one document to serve as proof of your name change and identity. For example, you may submit a marriage certificate as proof of name change and identity if the certificate shows the marriage occurred within the prior two years and:

- Includes your prior name.
- Includes your age, birth date or parents’ names.
- This information matches your Social Security Number record.

We will return any documents you send us.

## **A DC airport ticket agent offers some examples of 'why' our country is in trouble:** Submitted by: Micki Brown

1. I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman (Carol Shea-Porter) ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)
2. I got a call from a Kansas Congressman's (Moore) staffer (Howard Bauleke), who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts ...."

Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa...his response -- click.



3. A senior Vermont Congressman (Bernie Sanders) called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando . He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, 'don't lie to me, I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state!' (OMG)

4. I got a call from a lawmaker's wife (Landra Reid) who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada?"

I said, "No."

She said, "But they look so close on the map." (OMG, again!)

5. An aide for a cabinet member (Janet Napolitano) once called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. I pulled up the reservation and noticed he had only a 1-hour layover in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport and we will need a car to drive between gates to save time." (Aghhhh)

6. An Illinois Congresswoman (Jan Schakowsky) called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:30 a.m. and got to Chicago at 8:33 a.m. I explained that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went fast, and she bought that.

7. A New York lawmaker, (Jerrold Nadler) called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said, 'No, why do you ask?'

He replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that's very rude!"

After putting him on hold for a minute, while I looked into it. (I was dying laughing). I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, CA is (FAT - Fresno Air Terminal) and the airline was just putting a destination tag on his luggage.

8. A Senator John Kerry aide (Lindsay Ross) called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

9. I just got off the phone with a freshman Congressman, Bobby Bright from Ala, who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?"

I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these planes have that number on them."



**In Person Meetings**  
**Currently Suspended**

**Calendar of ZOOM Events 2021**

Jan 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Apr 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
May 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jun 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 28	Chapter Picnic— <i>TBD</i>
Sep 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 19	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 9	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 17	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck - <i>TBD</i> )

**Food Bank Schedule For 2021**

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

***“IN PERSON MEETINGS SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19”***

**“ZOOM MEETING”**

**May 28, 10:30 AM (PDT) ZOOM Meeting**

**Presenter:**

**Bob Donegan, *Seattle’s Waterfront Park***



**Memorial Day**  
*Never Forget  
Ever Honor*

**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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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 1K-B02, Seattle, WA 98124  
Email to [bluebills@boeing.com](mailto:bluebills@boeing.com) or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting